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- 1 Qt. Superb Tawny Port.  
1 Qt. St. Julien Claret.  
1 Qt. Old Brown Sherry, Black Seal.  
1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.  
1 Qt. Burgundy, Burgoyne's.  
1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters.

## No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

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1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.  
1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy.  
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky.
- 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port.  
2 Qts. St. Julien Claret.  
1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin.  
1 Qt. Vino de Paste Sherry.  
1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters.

## No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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1 Pt. D.O.M.  
2 Qts. Superior Rich Old Port.  
2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky.
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## Money and Markets

## HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in Hong Kong yesterday on rice, sugar and other foodstuffs included the following transactions:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Double Flag White long rice 1,232 bags	\$7.18
Golden Watch White Siam Rice, 597 bags	6.96
Green flower got White Siam Rice, 600 bags	7.49
Yuit Chi Pink Rice, 592 bags	5.92
Red Rat White Brand, 400 bags	3.36
Large White Brand, 1,500 bags	3.53
Red Three Cash White Long Rice, 474 bags	4.74
No. 2 White broken Rice, 154 bags	5.35
Red Long, White Siam Rice, 80 bags	7.40
Green O Tau, White Siam Rice, 578 bags	7.08
Red Seal White Long Rice, 675 bags	7.22
Green Pearl White Rice, 400 bags	8.25
Red Pearl White Rice, 900 bags	8.91
Red Pearl White Brewer Rice, 300 bags	6.81
Black Seal White Broken Rice, 300 bags	5.87
Green Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 371 bags	6.58
Red Seal No. 2 White Broken Rice, 202 bags	6.16
Green White Stripes No. 3 White Rice, 347 bags	6.70
Green Red Stripes Glutinous Rice, 393 bags	6.52
No. 2 White Glutinous Rice, 36 bags	5.81
Red Seal No. 2 White Broken Rice, 97 bags	6.14

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar, 300...	\$7.40
Do. 150...	7.33
Do. 300...	7.33

Miscellaneous.	Per Picul.
Wood Oil, 200 cans at \$31.20 per can.	
White Grapes, 20 cases, \$37.00 per case.	
Middle Beans, 20 bags at \$6.00 per bag.	

## CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Yesterday's quotations for rice, sugar and flour in Canton Market were as follows:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi Rice	\$11.20
Green O Rice	9.90
Red Wo Fung White Rice	9.90
Red Knife	9.90
Green Ship	9.90
Green Seal White Rice	9.90
Red Seal	9.88
Green Seal	9.70
Three Mark	9.50

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar...	9.20
Do. 3	7.70
Do. 30	7.60
No. 1 Fine Granulated sugar...	10.10
Granulated sugar	10.20
Spring Candy	10.20

Flour.	Per Bag.
Sailing Vessel	\$4.05
Silver Flower	4.15
Banana	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.10
Maize	3.95
Sword of Kwantai	4.35
Cannon	4.75
White Cabbage	4.45
Dalton	4.52
Dog's Head	4.45

## CANTON COTTON YARN.

A telegram was received by the Canton cotton yarn dealers from Shanghai yesterday afternoon, stating that the cotton yarn was in great demand in Shanghai Market. The prices increased by one tael for each bale. After receiving this telegram a meeting was called by the dealers who declared an increase of from \$1 to \$2 per bale.

The quotations of cotton yarn including the increase of one dollar are as follows:

No.	Per bale.
42. Five Sons	\$548.00
Butterfly	524.00
Foon Hi	518.00
No. 32. Po Tap	440.00
Double Horse	428.00
Tin Koon	448.00
No. 20. Golden City	329.00
Globe	327.00
Ho Chao	326.00
Fui Sing	326.00
No. 16. Globe	304.00
Fui Kwei	304.00
Man Clock	304.00
Pretty Damsel	278.00
Aeroplane	275.00
No. 10. Sailing Vessel	276.00
Lotus Bee	260.00
Double Lion	260.00
Five Lion	261.00
No. 6. Lion	228.00
Lion No. 2	197.00
Hut How	224.00

## CANTON SILK MARKET.

Business done in Canton in silk including the following transactions:

	Per picul.
14, 16 silk 50 bags	\$1,035.00
20, 22 silk 100 bags	960.00
14, 16 silk 30 bags	900.00
20, 22 silk 30 bags	1,040.00
14, 16 silk 20 bags	1,040.00
Do. 50 bags	1,040.00
Do. 20 bags	1,040.00

## CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

November 28th.

Water Works	\$3.10
Electric Power Co.	5.10
Canton Hankow Railway	0.45
The Sun Co.	63.00
Sincere Co.	8.80
Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.	0.45
Canton Tramway Co.	1.65
China Merchants' Navigation S.S. Co.	6.40
Central Bank	4.30

## THE NICKEL MARKET.

## KEEN DEMAND.

Many orders are being received from abroad for nickel, and the supply in Hong Kong is short to the demand. Prices have increased during the past two days, and from \$7.50 quotations have gone up to \$9, with keen buyers anxious to close.

A consignment of 5,000 bags from Wuchow which recently arrived at Hong Kong was quickly taken up, and Chinese dealers are anxiously seeking further stocks in order to meet the requirements of foreign firms desiring to export the metal. Needless to say, with the scarcity of stocks, the market is not only strong, but prices are moving steadily upward.

## MORE VOYAGES IN BALLAST.

## EXPLANATION OF NEW CONDITIONS.

In the annual report of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, extracts from which were published in yesterday's issue, reference was made to the fact that cargo vessels are now required to undertake voyages, in the ballast condition, of longer duration and of greater speeds than has been customary hitherto. It used to be said that the British Mercantile Marine was built up on the basis of outward cargoes of coal and homeward cargoes of foodstuffs and of raw material for manufacture, but a marked increase in ballast voyages has been noticeable in the freight markets within recent years. To a considerable extent this would seem to be a result of the use of oil fuel, which has restricted the demand for coal overseas for bunkering, while the very large number of oil tank vessels which bring fuel to Great Britain have to proceed outwards in ballast. There has also been a development of long-distance trades, of which one of the chief is that from the Pacific Coast of North America, which does not import British coal to an extent commensurate with its great exports of grain and other commodities. Eastern Canada is a signal example of a trade which was long one mainly of exports to Great Britain, but in which there has within recent years been a development of British coal imports. Freight rates are naturally lowest when there are both import and export cargoes available, and this is one reason why it should pay countries to buy where they sell.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

## [BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, Nov. 27th.

Paris	124.10
New York	4.85 9/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.55
Berlin	20.25
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.10
Oslo	18.10
Vina	34.49
Prague	162 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	30.07 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	60 1/2
Rio	5.20/32
Buenos Aires	47.15/32
Bombay	1/8 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/7 1/2
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

## RAYON INDUSTRY IN JAPAN.

## PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS SHOW RAPID EXPANSION.

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The rayon industry for this year has made very satisfactory progress as compared with last year, with increasing trend of exports and production and decreasing trend of imports. The Osaka Mainichi says it is estimated the total production for this year will reach 14,355,000 pounds, which will be an appreciation of 30 per cent. as compared with the figure of last year, when it amounted to 10,800,000 pounds.

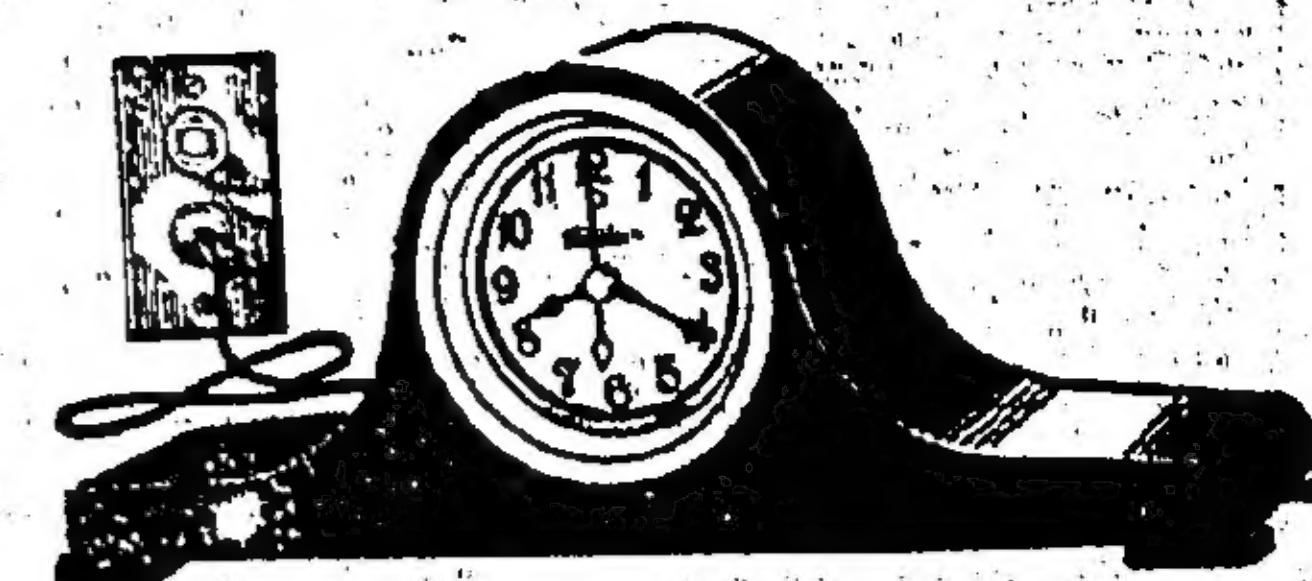
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Showa	330,000
Kurashiki	135,000
Mie	680,000
Tokyo	300,000
Total	14,355,000

Consumption Increasing.

At the same time the consumption of rayon is increasing, and the greater part is consumed for manufacturing silk textiles mixed with rayon, which are exported chiefly to China, Taiwan, China, India and Dutch East Indies. All producers of silk textiles mixed with rayon are holding orders heavier than their manufacturing capacity. It is estimated the total exports of rayon for this year will reach 880,000 pounds, or an increase of double as compared with last year, when about 374,000 pounds were shipped off. The activity of manufacturing is protecting the imports, which is estimated to fall to 400,000 pounds or so far this year from 783,000 pounds.



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## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

NOVEMBER 28th, 1928.

H.K. Banks	\$1,325 buy.
Do.	London \$140 nom.
Chartered Banks	\$223 buy.
Mercantile Banks, A. & B.	\$234 nom.
Do.	C. \$141 nom.
P. & O. Banks	\$231 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$231 buy.
Union Insurance	\$370 nom.
North China Ins.	\$180 buy.
Yantai Insurance	\$180 buy.
China Underwriters	\$231 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$230 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$780 buy.
Do.	\$11 nom.
H.K. Tugs	\$150 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$124 buy.
Do. (Del.)	\$724 buy.
Shell Transport	\$118 nom.
Waterworks	\$231 buy.
Benguet	\$231 buy.
Kailan Mining Admin.	70 nom.
Langkai (continued)	\$11 nom.
Do. (single)	\$11 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	\$124 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$124 buy.
Banks	\$124 buy.
Trench Mines	\$176 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$157 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$37 nom.
China Provident	\$4.95 buy, \$5.10 sel.
Hongkong	\$158 nom.
New Engineering	\$15 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$103 nom.
Ewo Cottons	\$12.95 buy, 13 sel.
Oriental Cottons	\$12.40 sel.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	\$12.40 buy.
Do. (new)	\$12.40 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.50 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$84 nom.
Shanghai Lands	\$123 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$151 sel.
H.K. Realities	\$181 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$19.85 buy, 19.85/70 sel.
Peak Trams (old)	\$13 buy.
Do. (new)	\$13.50 nom.
Star Farms	\$12.40 buy.
China Light (old)	\$12.40 buy.
Do. (new)	\$12.40 buy.
Do. (1928 issue)	\$12.20 buy.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$63 buy.
Do. (new)	\$51 buy.
Macao Electric	\$24 buy.
Telephones	\$7.30 buy, cum rights
Do. rights	\$5.65 nom. x rights
China Buses	\$3 nom.
Singapore Tramways	\$12 nom.
Do. (Prof.)	\$19/32 sel.
China Sugars	\$5 cte. buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$22 buy.
Canton Loss	\$37 nom.

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## MRS. BRADLEY-DYNE.

## ALLEGED TO HAVE LEFT ENGLAND FOR SPAIN.

November 1st.

Mrs. Bradley-Dyne, it was stated at the London Bankruptcy Court, had gone to Spain to join her husband.

A sitting was held by Mr. Registrar Warrington for her public examination, but in her absence it was adjourned until January 16th. The Senior Official Receiver, Mr. Walter Boyle, reported that Mrs. Bradley-Dyne had not filed the cash account ordered to be filed on a previous occasion, and his Honour ordered the account to be filed on or before November 30th.

Mr. Tindale Davis, on behalf of the Trustee, stated that his client in July asked Mrs. Bradley-Dyne for her passport, a request which she strongly resented, but she gave a promise not to leave the country before her public examination without first informing him of her intention.

On September 15th she wrote a letter on the headed notepaper of the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, which she had left on the 8th, stating that she proposed to go abroad, and that she would send her address as soon as possible.

So far as one could judge, added Mr. Davis, that letter was posted in a neighbourhood in which her brother resided. She left the country on September 8th.

Cements (combined) (\$9 buy, 9.30 sel., 9 1/2 sel.)

Do. (old)	\$5 sel.
Do. (new)	\$1.20 sel.
H.K. Bopes (old)	\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	\$7.55 nom.
United Asbestos	\$5 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$224 sel.
Watsons	\$15 sel.
Der A Wings	30 cts. bu.
Lane Crawford.	\$3.05 nom.
MacIntosh	\$20 nom.
Sinocon	\$94 buy.
Wm. Powell	\$3.85 buy.
H.K. Asbestos	\$24 sel.
H.K. Constructions	\$24 sel.
E.K. Ludas, G.B. Bools	\$62 buy.
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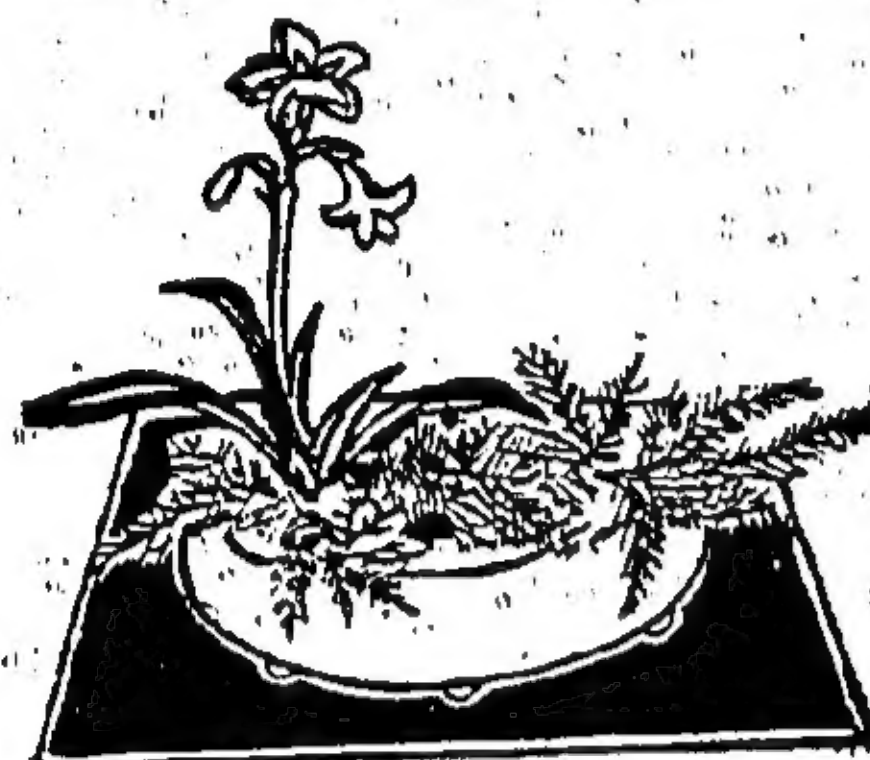
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### THE FIRE BRIGADE. ANNUAL DRILL DISPLAY IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

SMART AND EFFICIENT BODY OF MEN.

The annual drill display of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade was held yesterday afternoon in the courtyard of the Central Police Station.

There were a good many spectators, largely Chinese, who showed great interest in the display, which must be an excellent incentive to recruits.

The Captain Superintendent of Police (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), who is the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, gave the commands, and the prizes for the various competitions were presented by Mrs. Wolfe, M.B.E.

In the competitions, the finals of which were part of the display, the Kowloon and Kennedy Town Stations each won twice, the Central Station carrying off the prize for the Motor Pump competition drill in which Kowloon came second.

The programme was opened by an inspection, and visitors were struck by the smart and well drilled aspect of the men. Then followed "Picking Up" drill illustrating among other things the "Fireman's lift."

#### The Competition Finals

The first competition was Despatch Box drill, in which the two winning crews of the beats worked together in each of the three sections—men, 2 men, and 1 man drill. The test was to bring a despatch box, a small hand propelled fire engine, along to a given position in front of a target, which represented the fire, and to throw a jet of water onto it after having connected the hose with a hydrant. The time was taken from the whistle to the moment when the jet struck and revolved the target. The Kowloon Station won in the first test, in 45 seconds, Wanchai Station took 47 seconds. The second test with only two men was won by Kennedy Town in 42 seconds, the Kowloon men being unfortunate in having difficulty in fixing the hose on the hydrant and taking 1 minute 15 seconds. The one man test which was the most interesting to the spectators was carried out very smartly by the representative of Kennedy Town who only took 55 seconds, 10 seconds longer than the winning three man team. Kowloon completed in 57 seconds.

#### Motor Escape Drill

The Motor Escape competition which followed was most exciting and realistic, two crews competing. Central and Wanchai, the former winning in 1 minute 12.5 seconds, while Wanchai took 1 minute 9.3 seconds. The test was to run the engine up to the scene of the fire (the Police Station), pitch the escape ladder, and effect the rescue of two men from the second floor by carrying them down the ladders. At the same time they had to get the hydrant to work from the 1st floor. The firemen clattered up the ladders and the "victims" seen on the verandah stretching out their arms to their rescuers made quite a dramatic and realistic effect. The time was taken from the whistle to the moment when the water from the first floor struck the tank in the yard and both victims were safe on the ground.

#### Motor Pump Competition

In the Motor Pump competition in which the two new Rolls Royce engines took part, Central had trouble with their hose and were unable to get up sufficient pressure of water, but they finished only 15 seconds behind the winning team Kowloon, who took 1 minute 13 seconds. The test was to work a hose from the first floor, and to shift a damaged hose and replace it. In this, as in the other tests involving the use of water, the hoses were directed into a canvas tank (or dam as it is officially called) erected in the courtyard thus obviating any serious waste of water.

#### Peak District Appliances

Then followed various drills, such as jumping into the sheet and a rescue by the line and hook belt. In the latter a dummy was carried down and tenderly removed on a stretcher. It appears that in one of the practices the poor dummy was dropped callously on the ground as soon as the fireman landed, but the care shown yesterday for the victim was most reassuring for any one who fears to be in similar need of rescue.

A demonstration was given of the use of breathing apparatus for smoky fires, two men with respirators being shut up in a sentry box full of smoke for about three minutes. Then the Peak district motor fire cycles came in and quickly put out a small fire with water and an oil fire by means of cylinders of anti-fire powder. One of these Peak appliances carries hose and the pressure is given by the engine that drives the machine. A demonstration was given of the force of the jet which rose well above the Police Station about 100 feet into the air.

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### SINGAPORE BASE CONTRACT.

£70,000 ORDER GIVEN TO AMERICAN FIRM.

WORK FOR 600 MEN.

BRITISH MAKERS NOT ASKED TO TENDER.

An American company manufacturing giant excavators has been selected, in preference to British firms, to supply a particular type of excavating machine required by Sir John Jackson, Ltd., who were successful in securing the Government contract for the construction of the Singapore naval base.

The order has just been placed, and amounts, it is understood, to £70,000 for four machines. The American company is the Bucyrus Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It has an office in London, but this is simply for sales purposes. The machines will be made in Milwaukee, and the money will be paid to American engineers.

This amount of money, it is pointed out if expended in England, would have provided work for 600 men for four months.

#### Premier Ignored

There are two British firms which manufacture excavating machines, but they were not invited to tender by Sir John Jackson, Ltd., despite the recent appeal made by the Prime Minister that the employment of British labour should be the nation's prime consideration.

The Bucyrus Company, when asked to tender, named a low competitive price, and even reduced that price subsequently by 10 per cent. in their determination to get the work. That they have been successful will mean to them an immense increase in prestige. They can say that they have been selected before British firms to supply machines for an essentially important project.

The Government, though faced with an especially difficult unemployment problem, did not think it worth while to insert a clause in the contract confining the successful competitor to Great Britain for his materials and machines.

That point was emphasised by Mr. Westcott, managing director of Sir John Jackson, Ltd., in an interview with the *Daily Express* representative.

#### British Orders

"It is quite true," he said, "that we have placed an order for four excavating machines of a particular type with the Bucyrus Company, of America. We have, however, ordered five other smaller machines from the two British companies—three from one, two from the other—which make the same kind of machine as the Bucyrus Company's product."

"These two British companies have only recently started work on the American lines, and while we were satisfied to order the smaller machines from them, we preferred the design of the larger American machine—and we banked on American experience."

"There is no obligation on us to ask British firms to make us tenders for anything. Our competitors for the contract were not confined to Great Britain for their requirements. Why should we have been? It is our object to get the work done as well, as cheaply, and as quickly as possible."

"The Government, of course, could quite well have insisted on all competitors getting their requirements from Great Britain. It might, perhaps, have raised the contract price by £100,000. They did not do so. That is their affair."

An official at the Admiralty remarked that the question of settling part of the contract was entirely one for Sir John Jackson, Ltd., to decide.

#### District Call

The most spectacular drill was that which represented a district call, four machines fitted with motor pumps taking part. Two motor pumps—the old red engines—drove in and pitched the escapes against the 2nd floor getting one hose working from each machine on this floor. The two new smaller engines then dashed up and using a small extension ladder got one hose working each from the 1st floor. Then each engine got a second hose delivery from the same positions. The finale with eight hoses playing strongly into the dam which splashed up like a fountain was very impressive.

#### Prize Giving

The prizes for the various competitions were then distributed by Mrs. Wolfe each man receiving an individual prize in addition to the challenge cup which was won by Central for the motor escape drill and the shield which Kowloon held this year for the motor pump competition.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Wolfe by a small girl and three cheers were called for for the Chief Officer and Mrs. Wolfe and accorded with much vigour.

### HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., COMMANDANT.]

No. 358.

#### 1.—Annual Camp.

The following units will proceed to Fanning Camp:—

Corps Signals:—Friday evening, November 30th, to Tuesday evening, December 4th, 1928.

Machine Gun Company:—Friday evening, November 30th, to Sunday evening, December 2nd, 1928.

Men can proceed to Camp the evening of the day before, i.e., on Friday evening, November 30th, 1928.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names at Corps Headquarters at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 30th.

Rations for 4th week-end.—O.C. Company will report to the adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5th, the number of all ranks attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

All ranks are directed to take the top track to camp, i.e., past Mr. Silva's Bungalow, the M.I. Stables and through the Gap to camp. The lower track through the fields must not be used.

#### 2.—Corps Band.

There will be a full Band Practice on Tuesday, December 4th, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Monday, December 3rd, Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford Truck for Musketry. Dress: Multi, under R.S.M. W. H. Edmonds.

#### 3.—The Battery.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 3.25 p.m. on Friday, November 30th, and Tuesday, December 4th, for Battery Drill. Signallers under Sergt. J. M. Jack.

Camp.—The following are the dates on which the Battery will go into camp at Tai Lam, New Territories this year:—

1st week-end, p.m.: Friday, 7th to p.m. 9th December.

2nd week-end, p.m.: Friday, 14th to p.m. 16th December.

Attendance at camp is a condition of efficiency.

Transport to camp will be provided as follows:—

Friday, December 7th, by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th, by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 14th, by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, December 15th, by bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2 p.m.

Any members who cannot parade at Kowloon Ferry at 6 p.m. on the Fridays but can reach camp before the 8 a.m. parade on the Saturday mornings must do so.

Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmet, tunic, shorts, putties, khaki shirts, bandolier, gaiters and boots. Putties will be worn—Tape at bottom.

All N.C.O.'s are reminded that badges of rank in white tape must be worn on khaki shirts.

Khaki slacks may be worn when off duty in evening.

#### 4.—Engineer Company.

Parade at Belcher's Fort on Tuesday, December 4th, at 5.30 p.m. for training in Starting, Stopping and Running the Lamp. Dress: Uniform or multi optional.

#### 5.—Corps Signals.

The Corps Signals will go to camp from Friday, November 30th, to Tuesday, December 4th. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on Friday, November 30th, at 5.20 p.m. in order to catch the 5.40 p.m. train.

#### 6.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, November 29th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Multi.

Thursday, December 6th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Multi.

#### MACHINE GUN COMPETITION.

The following are the team arrangements for the Machine Gun Competition:—

No. 1 Team:—Lieut. H. C. Macnamara (Gun Commander), Pte. C. E. Backhouse, Pte. A. E. McCartney, Pte. D. Ogilvie. This team will fire on Saturday, December 1st.

No. 2 Team:—Corpl. T. C. T. Beck (Gun Commander), Pte. L. Weill, Pte. J. A. E. Kendrick, Pte. R. J. D. C. Grieve.

No. 3 Team:—Sergt. M. M. Watson (Gun Commander), Lieut. Corpl. C. Davidson, Pte. I. H. C. Highet, Pte. J. H. Dary.

Reserve:—Pte. Branis-Hartnell.

Nos. 2 and 3 Teams will fire at the last week-end camp, December 7th-9th, 1928.

#### 7.—Armoured Car Company.

CAR SECTION.

Monday, December 3rd. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Instruction. Dress: Multi.

Friday, December 7th. Parade at 5.30 p.m. outside Kowloon Railway Station to proceed by road to Fanning Camp.

Dress: Tunic, shorts, putties, hosetops, helmet, bandolier, belt, haversack, waterbottle no sidearms and rifle.

#### MOTOR CYCLE SECTION.

All ranks who were unable to attend camp last week should attend the 3rd and 4th camps, November 30th to Sunday, December 2nd, and December 7th to Sunday, December 9th, in order to qualify for efficiency.

3rd Week-end Camp. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station with their motor cycles on Friday, November 30th, at 5.30 p.m. ready to proceed to Fanning by road.

Dress: Uniform as laid down in last week's orders.

A special lighter will be at the Hong Kong side at 5 p.m. to transport machines across the Harbour.

#### 8.—Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4th, at Corps Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction, under Section arrangements. Dress: Overalls.

#### 9.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, December 6th. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi, as follows:—

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Pipe and Drums will parade for practice at Corps Headquarters on Wednesday, December 5th, 1928.

St. Andrew's Ball. It is hoped all those attending will do so in the Kilt.

Dress: Diced hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, white mess jacket and vest, later with small brass Corps buttons.

Church Parade as previously announced in orders will take place on Sunday, December 2nd. A full strength parade is requested.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 10.30 a.m.

Dress: Review order, without rifles, i.e., spats, diced hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, tunic, belt, and sidearms. Glengarry: Medals will be worn.

After parade the Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, will be "At Home" to the Company at Corps Headquarters.

Camp: The Company will be in Camp during the week-end, December 7th and 8th, 1928.

10.—Portuguese Company.

There will be no parades until Friday, December 14th.

#### 11.—Reserve Company.

Wednesday, Dec 5th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford Truck for M.G. Firing practice. Dress: Multi.

#### 12.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength and posted as under: No. 1400 Pte. G. da Rocha, No. 10 Platoon, from November 22nd, 1928.

#### 13.—Appointment.

Reference Corps Order No. 354 Para. 19. No. 811 Acting Co-Sergt. Major V. C. Branson, M.C., to remain acting C.S.M. until December 3rd, 1928.

#### 14.—Transfers.

No. 433 Signaller T. H. W. King is transferred from Corps Signals to the Engineer Company, as from November 15th, 1928.

No. 460 Pte. H. T. Buxton is transferred from M.I. Company to the Machine Gun Company No. 1 Platoon, as from November 26th, 1928.

#### 15.—Leave.

No. 971 Lieut. Corpl. R. O. Sutherland, No. 7 Platoon, having returned from leave, rejoined for duty on November 27th, 1928.

#### 16.—Struck Off The Strength.

Having left the Colony:—

No. 1035 Spr. S. C. Salter, Engineer Co., as from November 19th, 1928.

No. 880 Pte. E. A. Roberts, No. 2 Platoon, as from May 15th, 1928.

No. 1269 Pte. D. Benth, No. 7 Platoon, as from November 21st, 1928.

On Medical Grounds, as from October 24th, 1928:—

No. 1345 Pte. W. J. Lockhart-Smith, No. 1 Platoon.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Hong Kong, Nov. 20th, 1928.

#### NOTICES.

#### 1.—Machine Gun Company Dance.

The Company Dance, December 14th, 1928, at the City Hall. Will all those who have not yet applied kindly do so at once either through their Platoon Commanders or direct to Cpl. Wright, No. 1 Platoon, or Cpl. Beattie, No. 2 Platoon, in order to assist the Dance Committee with their arrangements. The Dance Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, December 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

#### 2.—Boxing Tournament.

Owing to lack of sufficient entries the Boxing Tournament has been postponed. Entries will be received up to 6 p.m. on Monday, December 17th, and if sufficient are forthcoming the Tournament will be held early in February, 1929.

Entries should be made to Sergt. W. L. Owen, c/o P.W.D. Weights should be stated. Entrance already sent in will stand, unless withdrawn.

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## PROSECUTION IN FORGERY TRIAL CONCLUDING.

### WHY "CUSTODIAN OF GOVERNMENT CHEQUES" WAS SUSPECTED?

CHINESE CONSTABLE SUPPLIES A BRIEF "COMIC  
RELIEF."

### C.I.D.'S EVIDENCE AND HYPOTHESES.

The case for the prosecution against Carvalho Yeo, who is alleged to have defrauded the Government of over \$200,000 by means of three forged cheques, is likely to be concluded this morning. Yesterday saw the seventh hearing and when the Court rose at 4.15 p.m., it was announced that there were only three more witnesses to be called for the Crown.

Yesterday's evidence, with the exception of that given by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, was in the main relative to accused's alleged transactions with the three local banks, with whom the alleged forged cheques were passed.

Why Tsang On Wing, a trusted clerk of the Treasury, whom Mr. Jenkin has described as the "custodian of Government cheques" was arrested, was explained by Mr. King. He said that, like all police officers, he investigated the case from two angles. His two hypotheses were: First, he assumed the cheques were genuine and the signatures had been obtained by a trick. Secondly that they were forgeries. He arrested Tsang On Wing because his handwriting was similar to that on the body of the cheques, and also because he was the custodian of Government cheques.

He pursued these two hypotheses until Tsang was discharged and subsequent to that there was a "bias" on the forgery side of the case.

### LAUGHTER IN COURT.

The earlier part of yesterday afternoon was devoted to the evidence of witnesses from the various banks with which the accused is alleged to have transacted business. The statements made by the witnesses were more or less similar and proceedings were becoming monotonous when a small incident caused a general laugh in Court. The evidence of the last witness from the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation having been concluded Mr. Potter announced that he would call Mr. King. The name was shouted and in response, a Chinese constable, with an extraordinary solemn expression walked into the witness box. On seeing that he was decidedly not the Mr. King whom everyone expected, a ripple of laughter passed through the Court which grew louder as the solemn look on the constable's face changed to bewildered surprise. However, he held his ground stolidly and it was some time before the Court interpreter could persuade him to leave.

The case is being heard by Mr. Justice P. Jackson. Counsel engaged on the case are Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the Crown, while the defence is in the hands of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

### Not In A Spirit Of Criticism.

When the Court sat this morning, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, foreman of the jury, said that he wished to point that members of the jury had seen witnesses for the Crown in Court during the proceedings before they were called. He did not raise this point in a spirit of criticism but thought that the Court's procedure should be upheld. He mentioned the names of Mr. T. H. King and Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Potter thanked the jury for bringing the point to the Court's attention and in the case of Mr. Dovey he said that the latter was not going to give evidence. As for Mr. King, it was usual for police witnesses to be in Court because their evidence was only formal. Mr. King was going to be asked what he had found in the Treasury and at accused's office.

Mr. Ferguson reminded Mr. Potter that on a previous day the Crown had stated that Mr. Dovey was going to be called to give expert evidence on the writing and signatures of the cheques. His Lordship told Mr. Potter that strictly speaking Mr. King should not be in Court. Mr. Potter gave an assurance that Mr. King would not again enter the Court until his evidence was required.

The Head Sheriff of the Treasury, Chan Yam Chuen, said that he has been in the Government service for the last 23 years. His duties were to pay out cheques to contractors or others for work done for the P.W.D. He also had to pay out pensions, including those for widows and orphans and also to the police department.

With every cheque he received to pay out, he was given a voucher. When these came to his hands, he made a record in Chinese in his own book. He would then check, to see whether or not the cheques tallied with the vouchers. The vouchers would then be handed to a clerk, and the latter would prepare advice to the respective payees saying that cheques had been made out and that they could call for payment.

The vouchers would then be returned to witness, and after paying out all the cheques covered by those vouchers, he would send them back to Tsang On Wing. In his book no record had been made of the three items in respect to the alleged forged cheques.

Tsang On Wing's Relation Of His Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that he was at the Treasury that morning before coming to Court.

Was Chung Man Kun in the office too?—Yes.

Was Tsang On Wing in the office also?—Yes.

Did he pick up the cheques from the desk?—Yes.

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### Banking Transactions.

Accused's alleged banking activities were then gone into, the first witness called being Mr. C. A. Rodrigues, of the Institute Banking Corporation. He said accused opened an account with the Institute Bank on September 2nd, 1927, with \$2,500 in cash. Accused gave his name as Chan Man Wai and represented himself as manager of the Min Tak Co., contractors. Accused paid in a big cheque for \$78,300.41 on January 4th, and when asked as to how and when he would require the money, Yeo was alleged to have said that he would be wanting cash very soon because he had to pay his sub-contractors.

Yeo went to the bank on January 5th, and drew out \$55,880. The following day he presented another cheque for \$12,500. This was refused payment because there were not sufficient funds to meet it. Accused accordingly altered the cheque to \$12,000, which was paid out, thus leaving a small credit balance.

Among the cheques drawn out by accused was one for Katz & Co., which was paid to the Netherlands Trading Society and another one in favour of the Man Lee Co. to the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin, witness said that with the exception of the signature appearing on the receipt for the cheque book, he had never seen accused sign the name of Chan Man Wai.

Mr. Holkamp, cashier of the Netherlands Trading Society gave evidence as to the accused having opened an account with them in the name of Katz & Co. Accused gave his name as J. K. d'Almada and said that he was managing partner to the firm. The account was opened with a cheque for \$3,300 drawn in favour of Katz & Co. by the Man Lee Co. The rest of witness' evidence was the same as that given by previous witnesses.

Mr. F. X. M. da Silva, an assistant in the Netherlands Trading Society corroborated. He said that he failed to pick out the accused at the identification parade. He, however, recognised the accused in the dock.

Mr. Jenkin: You are quite certain that the man in the dock is the man whom you saw endorse that cheque?—Yes.

What makes you so certain now?—I seem to recognise him better now. Last time at the Magistrate's.

Never mind about the Magistrate. Do you say you now recognise him as that man?—Looking at him well, I seem to recognise him.

Is there anything peculiar about his appearance?—Nothing extraordinary. Any marked features which, as it were, fixed him in your mind?—None.

You walked up and down the line, and of course, you looked carefully at each man?—No; I didn't look carefully. I was very ill that day.

When I went up I just had a sort of glance, and I was hasty in picking out the man?—Yes.

Did you tell Mr. Perdue that you were too ill to take part in the parade of those men?—No.

Not Jumping At Conclusion. Is it not because you see the man in the dock that you say he is the man? This is not an attack on your honesty as a witness. It might be an association of ideas, seeing him in the dock?—Certainly not.

Was it because you saw him in the dock at the Magistrate that you jumped to that conclusion?—No.

Are you sure of that?—Yes.

On going into the Police Court you saw him seated in the dock before you gave evidence?—Yes.

You were sitting in Court waiting to give evidence?—Yes.

You gave evidence after your principal, Mr. Holkamp?—Yes.

You then stood in the witness box and in due course you said he was the man?—Yes.

Was it because you saw him in the dock then and because you had seen what occurred in Court that you felt he must be the man?—No.

"Not To Be Outdone." Mr. Charles Chon, of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation also spoke of accused having opened an account with them with \$2,500. Accused gave his name as Yeung Tat Lee and said that he was manager of the Man Lee Co. The account was opened in the name of the firm. After speaking of various cheques drawn by the accused, one of which was in favour of the Katz & Co., and another to the Min Tak Co., witness said that on January 4th, accused paid in a cheque for \$78,785. This cheque was made out by the Government in favour of the San Cheung Co. It was sent through the clearing house in the usual course of business and was returned, the Hong Kong bank asking for a confirmation of the endorsement. Witness was unable to supply that because San Cheung was not a customer of theirs. The cheque was then returned to accused.

Next day accused went to the bank to enquire about it and when told of the matter, he took the cheque and left the bank. He however returned in the afternoon with a cheque for \$2,412 made out by the Government to the Man Lee Co. This was put through the clearing and was met.

### \$85,000 In Pocket.

Accused went to the bank next day and drew out \$79,950. He was asked why he wanted such a large sum in cash and replied that he was going to pay his sub-contractors. He also produced a wad of notes, about \$50,000, to convince witness that he had large accounts to pay. Again on the following day, accused drew out \$14,000 and thus left a credit balance in the bank of \$390.65.

Mr. Jenkin asked no questions. This evidence was corroborated by another witness from the same bank.

### Mr. T. H. King's Evidence.

Mr. T. H. King, C.I.D., was then called. He said that on January 19th, he raided an office on the sixth floor of the China Buildings in the company of Chief Detective Reynolds. He found several cheque books and paying-in books on the premises.

On January 15th, in the afternoon he went to the Treasury in response to telephone message. He saw Mr. Messer and was shown the three cheques in question. Mr. Messer informed witness that a large sum of money had been obtained by means of those three cheques. Mr. Messer had also told witness that the cheques appeared to have been forged as he (Mr. Messer) had no recollection either of the amounts or of the names of the payees.

Witness said that Mr. Messer also commented on his signatures and admitted that they were very good forgeries. Mr. Messer gave witness the opinion that the cheques were positively a forgery.

Asked why a search was made for the vouchers, witness said that the first thing a police officer would do was to examine every avenue for evidence. He considered that it was his duty to make all possible enquiries.

Mr. Potter: Did Mr. Messer make any statement to you in regard to Tsang On Wing?—He told me that he placed implicit trust in Tsang and that Tsang had an unblemished character. Mr. Messer did not suspect him.

Witness added that he was not sure whether it was on the same afternoon or during the following two days that Mr. Messer had expressed the opinion that the writing on the body of those cheques was not Tsang's.

Mr. Potter: Tsang was in the office and you saw him?—I saw him later in the afternoon.

Did you also see Chung Man Kin?—I detained both of them. They were charged before the Police Magistrate on January 21st with conspiracy.

They were in custody about 20 days?—Nineteen days to be exact. During those 20 days full police investigation was made and the result was that the charge was withdrawn against both of them?—Yes, I was personally engaged on the case.

Asked to detail as to what took place in his interview with Mr. Messer on the day when the discovery was made, Mr. King said that Mr. Messer particularly commented on the name Katz and asked witness if he could remember a certain incident during the war when the name of Katz figured prominently.

Cross-examination. Rising to cross-examine, Mr. Jenkin said that he did not know what had taken place at the Treasury on the day the discovery was made. His questions were therefore merely searching ones.

Mr. Jenkin: Were you responsible for the charge against Tsang and Chung?—I was not entirely responsible for the wording of the charge. I consulted the law officer of the Crown.

Witness added that he had made a draft of the charge and took it to Mr. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, for correction.

Mr. Jenkin: Is it possible that the draft of the charge is still in existence?—I don't think so. It was a rough draft and I may have destroyed it.

You have kept records of the case, haven't you?—I made certain notes in my diary which I have in my pocket now. They are just notes, very brief.

There are in fact other records than those you have referred to?—Yes, I took statements and they are on the police files.

And other memoranda probably?—Yes.

Mr. King said that so far as he knew the police records were still intact up to the discharge of Tsang. He could not remember what was the correction made by Mr. Holmes to the draft of the charge submitted.

Mr. Jenkin then produced a copy of the charge which was to the effect that Tsang and Chung had conspired to defraud the Government by means of three fraudulent cheques the closing words being, "That it was not intended to be cashed or presented for payment out of or against Treasury Money."

Counsel asked witness at whose suggestion the closing remark was added. Mr. King said that he thought it was added by Mr. Holmes. The charge was framed as a result of facts placed before the Crown Solicitor by witness himself. The charge was not drafted on any precedent. Witness did not consider himself an expert draughtsman of charges.

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Sir,—In the past I have refrained from mentioning my personal position in relation to the proposed "Seaplane Flying Club for Hong Kong." I deeply regret that it should be necessary for me to do so, unfortunately it is in the interests of the movement.

There are a number of persons in Hong Kong who are under the impression (and who make it their business to spread their views), that I proposed the formation of the Club with the suggestion of Government assistance, purely to make a "fat job" (not my expression) for myself.

My true reasons have already received considerable publicity.

I have no intention of wasting your space, or my time, in making a lengthy reply to such a charge, but I should like to make the position clear. The Club would have two paid Europeans upon its staff. One is a pilot instructor. I gave up this work six years ago and have no intention of returning to it. The other is a Ground Engineer for which I have not the necessary qualifications. I have not, and never had, any intention of accepting a paid position with the Club—Yours, etc.,

R. VAUGHAN FOWLER.  
Kowloon Hotel,  
Kowloon, Nov. 28th, 1928.

STOLE A DIAMOND RING.

KOWLOON LADY'S SERVANT  
CONVICTED.

A house coolie in the employ of Mrs. E. D. Kay, of No. 78, Nathan Road, pleaded guilty before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday to the theft of a gold ring set with a diamond worth \$150.

Sergeant Fowler informed his Worship that Mrs. Kay reported the loss to the police and also told them that she suspected the house coolie. On being questioned by the police, the man admitted the theft and took them to a pawnshop where the article was pledged.

In sentencing the defendant to three months' hard labour, his Worship remarked that he had not only stolen but abused his position of trust.

An order was made for the pawnbroker to surrender the article to the complainant without costs for taking on pawn a valuable ring from the defendant without assuming himself that it was not stolen.



## PIRACY IN EAST RIVER.

CARGO VESSEL RAN-SACKED.

GUNBOAT TO THE RESCUE.

TWO PASSENGERS SHOT.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, November 29th.

Reports have come to hand that the s.s. Tejo plying between Canton and Sui Tung, has been pirated near Tai Sui Waw on the East River. Two passengers were shot and killed, according to a statement by a person who has arrived here from Sui Tung. A large quantity of loot was also taken from the steamer. This is the second misfortune which has befallen the ship and it will be recalled that she experienced a mishap near Whampoa on the 19th of this month. Something went wrong and water was streaming in by the port holes. The ship had a heavy cargo and over 200 passengers. The passengers were in a panic but fortunately, the s.s. Kwong Chang came to the rescue. Water was pumped out of the leaking steamer and she was towed to Whampoa in safety but practically the entire cargo was spoilt by water.

## PIRATES ON BOARD.

It took two days to repair the ship at Whampoa. She resumed her voyage from Whampoa on the 21st of this month but several bandits disguised as passengers got on board. They had evidently planned the piracy with care and when the ship was off Tai Sui Waw, a signal was given and the pirates made their presence known by their leader thrusting a revolver in the captain's face and ordering him to stop the vessel at once, which he did. Several pirates then entered the engine room and took charge there.

## PIRATE SAMPANS.

When the steamer came to a stop several pirate sampans came alongside and over a score of pirates then came on board all of them armed with revolvers and daggers. The ship was then systematically ransacked, large quantities of cargo being carried off in the sampans. All the passengers were searched, their money and valuables being removed. Two passengers who attempted to resist were shot dead.

## A GUNBOAT INTERFERES.

Just as the pirates were about to leave with their loot and captives, a small river gunboat on patrol duty approached. From a distance her crew saw the Tejo at anchor with several sampans alongside. They were at first puzzled to see the ship at anchor in that lonely spot. Then several rounds were fired across her bows and the pirates hurriedly left, carrying what they could. The gunboat then took charge of the pirated vessel and escorted her to safety. No estimate could be obtained as to the loss and it is not known if any of the passengers were taken captive.

## KILLING CANTON'S RATS.

DEFECTIVE COLLECTING SERVICE.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Nov. 28th.

The number of rats killed in Canton during the last month, according to the Municipal Bureau of Health, is 24,409. These were all collected from the special dead rat bins, attached on walls and telephone poles in various places in the city. The health officers are of the opinion that the number actually killed must greatly exceed this, as many people do not trouble to put the dead rats into the bins. They simply throw them into the streets to be crushed by passing traffic. Sometimes they are picked up by the rat collecting coolies, but very often they are left till they are finally eliminated.

In the same report the Health Bureau states that the quantity of garbage collected for the same month was 15,899 piculs. This was sold to farmers as a fertilizer.

## FEWER TRUANTS IN CANTON.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Nov. 28th.

According to the statistics released by the Municipal Bureau of Education there are to-day fewer children not attending school in Canton than there have been for a long time. Five years ago the number of boys and girls not at school was 31,085. This year the number has been reduced to 11,223.

## TO ERADICATE OPIUM.

WAR ON POPPY PLANTATIONS.

EDICTS BY THE LIANG KWANG PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.

(BY A CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Nov. 28th.

The Kwangtung Government is facing great difficulties in enforcing the suppression of opium traffic in South China. It is conducting a gigantic campaign to suppress the use of the drug in collaboration with the Provincial authorities of Kweichow, Yunnan and Kwangsi. Some time ago the Canton Government sent its envoy Mr. Chang Min to attend the all-China Opium Suppression Conference at Nanking and Mr. Chang has now returned to Canton. In his report to the Government he stated that the main decision of the National Government is that the eradication of the opium evil in China must necessarily be preceded by prohibiting opium smoking to all civil and military officials. The National Government is shortly to organize a big campaign in Nanking and all government officials who are found to be opium-smokers will be appropriately dealt with. Similar moves will also be made in other provinces.

## The Kwangtung Problem.

Our correspondent has been informed by a well-informed government official that owing to the geographical conditions of Kwangtung the work of fighting the opium traffic will be exceedingly hard. It is an open secret that the poppy has always been and is cultivated in Kweichow, Yunnan and Kwangsi, although in the latter Province the authorities have adopted most drastic measures in checking poppy plantations. It is well known that in some of the opium-growing districts of Kweichow and Yunnan the military and civil leaders have come to regard the tax on poppy as the principal source of revenue, for the maintenance of the administration.

Then there are the tens of thousands of farmers, earning their livelihood by working on these poppy fields. The difficulty of finding other employment for opium plantation labourers after the suppression of their crops will be a serious matter for the authorities. Furthermore, opium planted in Kweichow and Yunnan finds a ready market in Kwangtung, especially as it is sent to Kwangtung for transshipment to other places.

Therefore, if Kwangtung is to wipe out the evil once for all, the sincere co-operation of the Governments in Kweichow and Yunnan must be secured.

## Officials Who Offend.

Recently the Canton Government arrived at two resolutions. The first is the organization of an anti-opium smoking campaign among the Government and military officials. Officials who indulge in the opium habit will be given a certain period to cure themselves and dismissal from the Government service will be the fate of those who fail. The second part of the anti-opium scheme consists in the calling of an anti-opium conference with the Governments of Kwangsi, Kweichow and Yunnan, when definite decisions will be made and the four Provincial Governments in South China will take joint action in suppressing poppy plantations.

## Kwangsi's Determination.

The determination of the Kwangsi Government to eradicate the cultivation of the poppy is shown by a recent order issued by the Nanning Administrative Council decreeing that during the coming period of re-construction in China it is essential that opium-smoking, which is most injurious to the physical development of the younger generation, should be wiped out once and for ever. Severe punishment will be meted out to law-breakers who have planted poppy in Kwangsi.

## TO IMPROVE FATSHAN.

RIVER DREDGING AND NEW BRIDGE PROPOSED.

As an aid to the development of the commerce of the Fatshan, Mr. Ma Hung Huen, the local Magistrate proposes to dredge the shallow parts of the river approaches particularly at Sha How, so that free access to the city may be available by water throughout the year regardless of the state of the river level. It is reported that a dredger has been ordered from a firm in Shanghai, at a cost of approximately \$17,000.

The second plan of improvement is the construction of a steel bridge to connect the wharf at Tau Si Hong with the one at Ying Sha. This bridge is to be named the Chung Shan Bridge in honour of the memory of the late leader. The provision of a bridge at this point has long been needed as in the flood season the roadway connecting the two bridges is inundated to a considerable depth. It is hoped to take the work in hand on this bridge before the close of the present year. The cost is expected to be in the region of \$30,000.

## To Raise Funds.

To find the funds necessary to cover the cost of building the bridge and buying the dredger, the following schemes have been planned:—

1. To raise a subscription, by charging one per cent. of the amount payable by the shop keepers of the city for their Trade Licenses.

2. To solicit voluntary contributions from the public. Any person or firm subscribing upwards of the sum of \$500 will have his name inscribed on a stone tablet to be erected on the bridge.

3. To solicit contributions from the merchants of other cities and from Hong Kong, as many traders-people of other cities are also interested in Fatshan's industrial life.—Canton, Gazette.

## KEMP INDUSTRY IN KWANGSI.

EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS TO BE PLANTED.

Under its programme of reconstruction, the Kwangsi Provincial Government is paying considerable attention to the problem of developing the various industries of the province, and in this connection Hemp has come in for notice.

Hemp is one of the staple articles of export of the province. It is used locally for the manufacture of ropes, but the bulk of the crop is exported to foreign countries. The growing of the hemp is done on primitive lines, no change or innovation having been effected in the methods that have been in use for centuries.

## Experimental Bureau.

The government believes that this industry could be developed into one of considerable importance if scientific methods were brought to bear. A Mr. Ho Tann Chung was therefore deputed to tour the various hemp growing districts in the region of Wuchow to make investigations into the methods used and the condition of the industry. Working on the basis of a embodying the results of his observations, the Kwangsi Government plans to establish a Hemp Experimental Bureau, to be attached to the Liuchow and Kingyuen Barren Lands Development Bureau. This Bureau will carry out hemp growing for experimental and research purposes.

Regulations governing the organization of this Bureau, and the general plan covering the work of planting the hemp have been prepared. According to these hemp growing grounds will be opened in the vicinities of Ku Muk, Kai Shu Chang and Muk Mu Village in Sha Tung, near Liuchow. Separate areas will be marked out on hill slopes and low-lying level ground, as it is a known fact that hemp grows on hill sides is of better quality than that planted on level ground. Why this is the case is not known, and one of the aims of the Bureau will be to maintain careful observations of the growth and condition of the crop under these different conditions, and if possible, to discover what causes the difference in quality. To facilitate the experimental work, all plots will be of five man only for the time being to be extended later when the first crop has been examined.

## MURDER IN A FIELD.

TWO BARBERS CHARGED.

THEIR PARTNER FOUND NEAR KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

STRANGLED AND HIS HEAD BATTERED.

Two Chinese barbers, Lok Choi and Lau Hon, were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the murder of Lo Mei, a Chinese, who was found dead in a paddy field off Argyle Road, near the Kowloon Hospital, on October 21st.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown and the two defendants were not legally represented.

In outlining the case, Mr. Fitzroy said that at 9.20 a.m. on October 21st an Indian constable on duty in Argyle Street noticed a crowd in the paddy field near the Kowloon Hospital and going there found the body of the deceased, who was later identified as Lo Mei, a barber of No. 350, Canton Road.

The spot where the body was found was a lonely one and it was lying partly exposed. The head was badly battered and some tape was tied about the mouth. This tape was later identified and traced. It was drawn round the mouth and passing under the tongue was secured behind the neck. It appeared to be a case of strangling. The injuries on the deceased's head also pointed to murder. There were numerous small wounds on the head which had apparently been made by a pointed weapon. The spot was not far from the roadway, and little pools of blood were found leading from the road to the body. Close to the body a small granite boulder was found saturated with blood. It had apparently been used to batter in the head. Other articles found a little further away were a pair of shoes, an axe or chopper handle, and some more tape.

## A Chopper Blade in His Trousers.

A chopper blade, of the kind generally used by carpenter's for chopping wood, was found in the deceased's trousers. The handle just mentioned, which was the other part of the weapon, was found some 30 or 40 yards from the body. How it got there could not be explained, but the whole chopper was later identified as the one used in the house where the deceased lived.

## Robbery Not The Motive.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy remarked that there was no signs of robbery. Twenty-five cents in money and two cigarettes were found on the deceased, and it was highly improbable that robbery was the motive of the crime. However, the prosecution would call evidence to prove that there had been disagreements between the deceased and the two accused, who lived in the same house.

## The Tape—Part Of Broken Punkah Cord.

The chopper would be identified by witnesses, while the tape had been found to be part of a cord used for pulling punkahs. The two accused and the deceased were partners in a barber shop at No. 353, Canton Road. Some time ago (in the Chinese 6th Moon) the cord was broken, and replaced by a new one. Evidence would be called to prove that Lok Choi was seen to put the old cord in a drawer; while it would be further proved that the tape used to gag the deceased was the cord which had broken.

## A Strange Thing.

Referring to the chopper, Mr. Fitzroy said that it was an extraordinarily strange thing for the axe blade to be found in the deceased's trousers, and the prosecution would not offer any explanation of its presence there. There was no blood either on the handle or on the blade of the axe, and it did not appear to have been used for the crime.

## Dispute Over Accounts.

As mentioned the deceased and the two accused were in partnership in the barber shop, and a quarrel arose between the deceased and the two accused over the accounts. The deceased claiming a sum which prisoners denied was due to him.

## To Joss For Good-luck.

It has further been learnt that the day after the dispute (October 20th) the deceased apparently made up his mind to take tickets in a Chinese lottery, and he also decided to go to a temple to "joss" for good luck. The deceased had apparently told the two accused, and they all started together at about 3 p.m. Lok Choi (1st accused) was heard to ask a woman in the shop to look after the place while they were away.

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## PRISONER OUTWITS HIS GUARD.

ESCAPE FROM KOWLOON COURT.

A CLEAN ESCAPE.

A Chinese who was held in police custody awaiting his turn to appear before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday morning disappeared during the sitting of the Court unobserved either by the constable who had charge of him or the other persons present in court.

In accordance with the usual procedure the prisoner, who had been remanded, since his appearance before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones on a charge of theft of clothing from Shanghai Street, was handed over to the constable who had arrested him. It happened that the constable in charge of the prisoner was engaged earlier in the morning in several obstruction summonses, so for greater security he placed the prisoner in the dock.

Shortly after 11.30 a.m. the constable was free to take the prisoner out of the dock, but the man had vanished without anyone knowing it. It is presumed that while the people concerned in the obstruction cases were lining the front of the dock and attention was concentrated on the proceedings of the Court, the prisoner quietly opened the door of the dock and sneaked out. After the unusual discovery there was a diligent search, but to no effect.

When the case was mentioned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton shortly afterwards, Sergeant Clark informed his Worship that the prisoner had escaped and that the police were making enquiries into the matter.

It may be recalled that a similar incident occurred before where a prisoner escaped from the precincts of the Kowloon Court and was never seen again. There was a subsequent case in which an Indian constable breathlessly protested in Court at the action of a prisoner in custody who attempted to escape. The man expressed a wish to visit the lavatory, but did not come out. When the constable went to investigate he was just in time to catch the prisoner by the legs as he was scaling the wall leading to the street.

The three men were seen having their evening meal together at about 7 p.m., and a witness would be called to say that they left the premises at 9 p.m. Another witness put the time at 10 p.m. Though the hour of departure could not be fixed the important thing was that they did go out together, apparently to the temple.

## The Return.

At about midnight a knock was heard on the shop door, and one of the inmates who slept on the premises went to answer it. Ah Choi was heard saying that it was he and without waiting to open the door and walked away. However, the person distinctly heard the two voices of the accused; while a boy who was also sleeping on the premises would say that he actually saw the defendants. The deceased was not seen alive again after his departure with the accused.

## A Strange Reply.

The next day, October 21st, still stranger things happened. A man went to the shop and asked whether Lo Mei was in. "One of the defendants replied that he (Lo Mei) was dead—an extraordinary reply for the next day!" said Mr. Fitzroy. A certain amount of enquiry as to the whereabouts of Lo Mei was made, and on October 30th, one of the accused said that Lo Mei had been killed by a motor-car.

## Enquiries Recognise Police Photographs.

Photographs of deceased were posted on the Police notice boards and a man who had been enquiring as to the whereabouts of Lo Mei, recognized the portrait. He went to the Police Station and identified the post-mortem photograph as that of Lo Mei. "The body had only been identified by photograph," said Mr. Fitzroy.

## Purely Circumstantial Evidence.

"The evidence was entirely circumstantial but was sufficiently strong to bring home the guilt of the two accused," said Mr. Fitzroy. "The only known motive for the crime was the dispute about the account—a matter of \$40. Nothing else in the way of quarrels was known. The men lived together in a shop on the ground floor, the partnership having been formed only about five weeks ago."

## Cause Of Death.

Dr. J. E. Dovey, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary said that he examined the deceased and found that death was due to multiple injuries, shock and concussion. The injuries on the head were deep and fractured the skull. The witness was of the opinion that they had been caused by a heavy pointed object, used with considerable force.

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Dated this 25th day of November, 1928.

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C. D. MELBOURNE,  
Official Administrator.  
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**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Mong Kok Tsi, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF KWANGSI.

We have from time to time during the past six months published most interesting articles from Chinese correspondents describing the development work in progress in Kwangsi.

In the spring of this year a representative of the Daily Press spent over a month travelling through this province and reported signs of enlightened activity in all directions. This work of "reconstruction" as it is termed in all official documents, although development work is the more correct title for something entirely new, has been continued with unabated vigour and whilst we do not suggest that Kwangsi has been miraculously transformed

the improvements already made are of far reaching importance from a commercial point of view. It must be remembered that before the revolution the territory was practically unknown to the foreign trader. New roads are being rapidly constructed; cars are paid to the education of the people and industries started, resulting incidentally in the creation of a market for foreign goods which will very soon repay attention. General WONG SHIU HUNG, the head of the province and General WU TUNG YANG, one of his right-hand men, have gathered round them some scores of students returned recently from American and other Universities, and under their guidance and direction quicker and better means of communication are being provided between one town and another and the old cumbersome and expensive, because inefficient, forms of agriculture are gradually being replaced by modern methods. Five years ago a tour of Kwangsi meant weeks of uncomfortable travelling in a bullock cart. Now there are over a thousand miles of reasonably well-constructed highways and the plans for as many more have been prepared. In a number of districts the "cheap motor-car" is ousting the bullock cart. Motor services have made their appearance and there has been a very great extension of electric light and telephone installations. The native to whom until very recently quick mechanical transport was a thing unknown can go joy riding in a charabanc for thirty-cents and ring up an acquaintance at a hundred miles' distance and describe the experience to him over the 'phone.

"On returning to Wuchow after even a brief absence," wrote our correspondent last week, "one sees immense improvements in the West River port. Since October 10th Wuchow University has been opened and there are to-day more than 300 young men and women studying to become scientific agriculturists, engineers, lawyers and teachers, a Chinese graduate of a German University and a former Civil Governor of Kwangsi being the head of this new institution."

But as we have shown, this is only one of the many indications of the changing times. A number of factories have been opened, or are in course of erection both at Liuchow and Wuchow and an important experimental farm, under Government auspices, has been established which forms the headquarters of a band of lecturers and teachers whose pupils for the most part are the farmers in the neighbourhood. Kwangsi, moreover, does not mean to hide its light under a bushel. It welcomes publicity and foreign co-operation, both good things if properly utilised. A small monthly magazine, printed in English, and devoted exclusively to the interests of the province has already made its appearance and as our readers are aware an industrial exhibition, on a fairly big scale has been projected for the autumn of 1929.

It is interesting to note the results of these activities. Our Chinese correspondent writes:—"Since September 12th, a British agent for a popular American car has been visiting the principal cities, his equipment consisting of a touring car, a truck, a tractor, an interpreter and three drivers. He has taken most of the roads, and incidentally received orders for a dozen or more cars, and now he is negotiating for the sale of a hundred tractors to the Kwangsi Government, while another agent, indirectly working for an American car, is offering the delivery of 150 passenger cars to meet the demands of the traffic in the Kweiilin districts." It would seem that in Kwangsi, as elsewhere, the tide goes to the enterprising.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were reported on Tuesday.

Weihaiwei has declared Hong Kong to be an infected port and announces that ships will be subject to medical inspection under quarantine regulations.

Ten more dead bodies of children were found by the police on Tuesday in the crowded districts on both sides of the harbour. Signs of small-pox were found on three of the victims.

A Chinese woman while travelling on a tram-car between Shaikwan and Causeway Bay on Tuesday morning gave birth to a daughter. She was removed from the car at the Bay View Police Station and later sent to St. Paul's Hospital.

A Chinese who was in the act of trying to steal chickens from the second floor of a house in Yuen Chow Street, Shamshui, made a desperate leap into the street on finding that he was observed by the inmates. He died almost immediately.

Tiverton (England) is seeking a supplementary water supply. The Town Council engaged for several days, at a fee of twelve guineas a day, a water diviner, who, after spending a few hours at one spot, "divined" a supply which he estimated at between 80,000 and 100,000 gallons a day.

It is understood that a summons for assault brought by a Chinese motor-car driver against Mr. B. Pasco has been withdrawn. When the matter came before the Senior Magistrate last week a week's adjournment was granted as it was stated that there was the possibility of the matter being settled out of Court.

Two banished who returned before their time were sent to prison by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The man who was deported in 1923 for ten years received a term of twelve months' hard labour. The other, who was deported only eighteen months ago for a similar period, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch. If, after medical examination, the defendant was not in a fit state to be bailed, he was to undergo a further nine months in gaol.

It was stated at a recent meeting of the Greater London Regional Planning Committee that the General Committee had decided that the time had come for the appointment of a technical expert, who would be responsible for the actual preparation of the regional plan. He would have to prepare a development plan for an area covering a radius of 25 miles from Charing Cross, an area of some 2,000 square miles. Among the questions to which special attention would be given would be the possible establishment of satellite towns surrounded by agricultural belts, which might to some extent supply the food required by the population.

The first step in a £1,000,000 scheme in connection with the white-fishing industry has been taken at Aberdeen by the setting up of a new fish meal and by-product factory. Purchases of fish and fish wastes will be made for the present on the fish market at Aberdeen, but ultimately plant will be installed in all types of trawling which will take up the waste at sea, and the new premises will become a finishing factory. Materials of immense value will be taken from the raw products by means of meal and oil extraction plant. These products include glues, phosphates, oils, leather, powders, glycerine, iodine, insulin, and ammonia. Mr. C. A. McCurdy, one of the directors of the company, states in a document circulated privately: "We are men of the beginning of a revolution in dealing with the riches of the sea."

An undergraduate magazine, says the Daily Express, laments the fact that the very expression "a young man from Oxford" now embodies something of a sneer. That is not quite true, but as an effort of self-criticism and self-realisation it is welcome. Many a man has felt, on leaving Oxford to enter a business or a profession, that he is at a disadvantage with his non-University contemporaries. While they were busily launching themselves in a career he has been in a world singularly distant from the realities he will be coping with for the remainder of his days. Employers find it hard to place him in the right job. On their side, as on his, there is too great a readiness to regard him as a misfit. The Universities ought to be the training ground for leaders in all spheres of national life. If they are not, it is because they only partly succeed in combining practicality with culture, ideals and the love of beauty with knowledge of the world and its affairs.

At a meeting of the Court of the Company of Master Mariners the following were elected for the ensuing year: Captain Sir Burton Chadwick, M.P., R.N.R., Deputy Master; and Captain Sir Walter D.M. Baynham, R.N.R., Captain E. C. Birnie, R.N.R., Captain P. F. W. Blake, Commodore Sir Bertram F. Hayes, R.N.R., Captain R. F. Hayward, and Captain S. S. Richardson, R.N.R., Mariner Wardens.

The second instalment of M. Poincaré's new book, "The Invasion," shows that both Foch and Joffre were convinced of victory in 1914. "Both of them were confident about the future," writes M. Poincaré. "The war, they say, may take a more or less long time to win, but we shall win. The Germans have lost the game which they planned and prepared." Neither Foch or Joffre believed possible the new mass attack which Kitchener feared.

A claim for £75,000 by the German Weapons and Munition Factories Company from Messrs. Vickers in respect of percentages alleged to be due to them for certain supplies before the war, which came before the Anglo-German Tribunal in London recently was withdrawn. The sum of £8,000 (£3,500 principal and £2,500 interest) which Messrs. Vickers acknowledged was due, was agreed upon, and the claim was settled for that amount.

Passion for knowledge of the stars among women is revealed by the fact that the National Federation of Women's Institutes, in conjunction with the International Education Society, has decided to circulate gramophone lectures this winter on astronomy among its 4,000 rural centres in England and Scotland. Special lecture records on Mars, the heavenly bodies in spring, summer and winter, etc., have been made by Professor H. H. Turner, Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford.

## OBITUARY.

FRANK HEDGES BUTLER.

PIONEER OF THE AIR.

The death is announced of Frank Hedges Butler at the age of 73.

Mr. Butler was a man of wide interests and experiences and at one time or another had visited almost every part of the world. He was also a keen motorist and first treasurer of the Royal Automobile Club, founder of the Royal Aero Club and a keen balloonist. He made in all over a hundred free balloon ascents, including the record longest distance in England, done alone, in 1902, and the record of the world for the longest cross-Channel sea voyage from London to Caen in Normandy in 1905. He was a pioneer of the aeroplane in 1905.

Mr. Butler was also a talented violinist, and founder of the Lyric Club Orchestra and the Imperial Institute Orchestra Society.

He has written many books and articles upon aeronautics and travel.

## DEATH OF MISS TS'O SHUK KI.

FUNERAL THIS MORNING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death at the French Hospital yesterday morning of Miss Ts'o Shuk Ki eldest daughter of Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D. after one week's illness. The funeral will take place to-day starting from the French Hospital at 10 a.m. passing the and from there the cortege will proceed to the Chinese Permanent Cemetery.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5.15 p.m. yesterday state:—

The anti-cyclone is central over the Sea of Japan. The typhoon in the China Sea is now moving on a north-east track towards the Bala-tang Channel.

Local forecast:—North winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

## Two Typhoons.

A message issued from Manila at 9 p.m. states that there is a typhoon in about Long 132° E., Lat. 21° N., moving N.N.W.

There is another cyclone or typhoon west of Northern Luzon, less than 100 miles distant, moving E.N.E.

## AMERICA'S THANKS GIVING DAY.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

"WE HAVE PROSPERED."

The following proclamation has been issued by President Coolidge in honour of Thanksgiving Day, the great home day of the American people, which is being celebrated to-day.

The proclamation states:—

The season again approaches when it has been the custom for generations to set apart a day of thanksgiving for the blessings which the Giver of all good and perfect gifts has bestowed upon us during the year. It is most becoming that we should do this, for the goodness and mercy of God which have followed us through the year deserve our grateful recognition and acknowledgment. Through His Divine favor peace and tranquillity have reigned throughout the land; He has protected our country as a whole against pestilence and disaster and has directed us in the ways of National prosperity. Our fields have been abundantly productive; our industries have flourished; our commerce has increased; wages have been lucrative, and comfort and contentment have followed the undisturbed pursuit of honest toil. As we have prospered in material things, so have we also grown and expanded in things spiritual. Through divine inspiration we have enlarged our charities and our missions; we have been imbued with high ideals which have operated for the benefit of the world and the promotion of the brotherhood of man through peace and good will.

Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November next as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work, and in their homes and in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received, and seek His guidance that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

(Seal.)

DONE at the City of Washington, this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States, the One Hundred and Fifty-third.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

## CINEMA NEWS.

## WORLD THEATRE.

## JACKIE COOGAN IN "THE BUGLE CALL."

Jackie Coogan has forsaken his usual role and appears as a brave bugler boy—the son of a frontier cavalry captain—in his latest picture "The Bugle Call" which will be screened at the World from to-day to Saturday. The story takes place in a frontier post. Jackie and his bugle, after a number of exciting incidents, save the fort and its defenders. Spectacular battle scenes are shown and the love interest is in the hands of Claire Windsor and Herbert Rawlinson, two well-known players.

## "Don't Tell The Wife."

Irene Rich, the leading player in an amusing picture, "Don't Tell The Wife," which will be screened at the Star to-day to Saturday, appears as a sophisticated Parisian matron, who finds that her husband has almost been led astray through his preference for blondes. Huntly Gordon is the hero and is supported by a well balanced cast of players including Lilian Tashman and Otis Harlan.

## ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION.

## SPECIAL FORCE NEEDED.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21st.

Mayor Harry Mackey to-day indicated that police of Philadelphia may be relieved of the responsibility for enforcement of the national prohibition law here.

He declared that the police have been organized to protect life and property. Until a few years ago, he said, that was the only view of their function.

Then came prohibition, imposing new responsibilities under which the police power has collapsed in every city in the United States, in Mackey's view.

Philadelphia graft, crime and vice conditions have been a target for reformers from all over the world during late years. "Clean-up" activities under General Smedley Butler of the Marines now in China, brought much publicity but accomplished little. Mackey is disposed to believe that if prohibition enforcement can be wholly divorced from local police functions, it will be easier to hold the police responsible for their enforcement of local laws.



**FAMINE STRICKEN HONAN.****FENG YU HSIANG'S APPEAL FOR RELIEF.****OVER \$100,000,000 WANTED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 28th.

Feng Yu Hsiang has sent a message to the China Imperial Famine Relief Committee appealing on behalf of the famine stricken population of Honan, Shensi and Kansu, totalling 15,000,000.

He estimates that at the minimum \$100,000,000 will be required for relief, and suggests many forms of labour relief. He points out, however, the necessity of immediate gratuitous relief pending the fruition of schemes directed towards the removal of famine causes, such as well sinking, irrigation and road building. Marshal Feng pledges his personal co-operation and welcomes foreign gifts. He attributes the famine principally to the drought, while a subsidiary cause is brigandage.

**THIRD KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.**

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28th.

The Central Kuomintang has made arrangements for holding the Third National Kuomintang Delegate Conference and will issue an order to all Kuomintang branches to appoint delegates and make other preparations in accordance with the resolutions passed by it.

**DETERMINED MERCHANTS OF TIENTSIN.**

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28th.

The arrest of four persons by the Japanese Boycott Committee of Tientsin as a result of discovering some Japanese goods in three firms is developing into a big crisis. The merchants of Tientsin are threatening a general suspension of business, while about three hundred firms dealing in foreign goods have already closed their doors, pending the decision of the Government.

Yesterday they petitioned the Government to release the arrested merchants and suggested that they might carry out the Japanese boycott movement if the Government would secure full protection to their trading rights. The authorities have promised to consider their proposal.

**CHIANG AT ANKING.**

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has arrived at Anking by cruiser. Immediately on his arrival he inspected the Nationalist forces there. Many high military officials were gathered to meet the Marshal.

**CHINESE MINISTER TO LONDON.**

[Wah Tsz Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 28th.

The Committee of Foreign Relations of the Nanking Government held a meeting yesterday. Among those who attended the meeting were Messrs. C. T. Wang, Tan Yen Kai, Hu Han Min, Wang Chung Hui and H. H. Kung. After some discussion it was resolved to advise the Central Government to appoint Mr. Alfred Sze the Chinese Minister to London and Mr. U. C. Wu the Chinese minister to the United States.

**FIBRE SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON.****INTEREST IN LANCASHIRE.****EXPERT INSPECTION.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 28th.

The discovery of a plant yielding a high percentage of fibre calculated to provide an alternative to cotton has created great interest in Lancashire, and the demand for specimens of the fibre have far exceeded the limits of the immediately available material which is being cultivated in the Eastern English counties. Experts, who have inspected specimens agree that if anything like adequate production could be assured the fibre should prove distinctly useful.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that the fibre is of the best order, is lustrous and in appearance resembles fine flax, while under the microscope it is almost indistinguishable from flax. It is reported that the dyeing of yarn formed by mixing the fibre with cotton presents no particular difficulty.

Representatives of large cotton interests of Lancashire however are awaiting more definite information regarding prospects of production before further serious consideration of its commercial possibilities is undertaken. It is recognised however that the new fibre would have an advantage in that it successfully cultivated the raw material could be reaped and pulled.

**COTTON TRADING.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th.

The board of managers of the New York Cotton Exchange has announced that it has approved generally the plan for trading in the securities of cotton mill companies in addition to the present trading in cotton futures.

**EXPERT COMMITTEE ON REPARATIONS.****ARRANGEMENTS NOT COMPLETE.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 27th.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the composition of the proposed Committee on Reparations.

He replied that the personnel and the terms of reference of the Committee had not been settled, and accordingly he was not in a position to make a statement. He might be able to give a reply next Monday, but there were five or six Governments to get into touch with.

Asked whether this Expert Committee would be appointed by the Reparations Commission under the terms of the Versailles Treaty or otherwise, Mr. Churchill said that was just one of those subjects on which it would be premature to give information.

**FLEET REPAIR SHIP LAUNCHED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 27th.

His Majesty's fleet repair ship *Renown* was to-day launched at Vickers and Armstrongs yard at Barrow by Mrs. Headlam, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Headlam, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty.

**UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 27th.

The latest return gives the number of unemployed as 1,364,400, this being 16,242 more than the week before and 238,146 more than a year ago.

**COFFEE GROWERS RUINED.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PANAMA, Nov. 27th.

The coffee crop in the Carriago Province of Costa Rica, which fetches good prices in the London and Hamburg markets, where it is used for blending purposes, has been ruined.

The Government will probably have to re-establish the small growers financially.

**U.S. IMMIGRATION. EXTENSION OF QUOTA SYSTEM.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27th.

The Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labour advocates an extension of the quota immigration system to Latin America, the West Indies, the Philippine Islands and Canada.

**HEROIC WIRELESS OPERATORS.****BRAVERY ON SINKING SHIPS.****SIGNALS UNTIL THE END.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 27th.

The extreme peril of the wireless operator in the event of a shipping disaster, brought vividly to the forefront by the *Vittoria* tragedy, in which Mr. Noel Laughlin, among others, lost his life, was discussed in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Robert Thomas (Liberal) asked the President of the Board of Trade whether, with a view to affording wireless operators on board ships a chance of saving their own lives when their ships had to be abandoned, he would order investigations to devise a means whereby wireless apparatus could be set to tap out automatically the S.O.S. signal and the latitude and longitude of the vessel.

**Tremendous Gallantry.**

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister replied that he was advised there would be probably no difficulty in devising such an instrument, but he thought, in the ordinary way, it would be of very little use as it would be in operation for a very short time.

It would make no provision, of course, for replying to any messages from ships coming to the rescue.

Wireless operators had always behaved with tremendous gallantry and, by remaining at their posts, they had not merely sent out the S.O.S. but had received messages from ships coming to the rescue.

His department would be glad at any time to discuss the value of any automatic apparatus but the difficulties must be borne in mind.

Asked whether he would consider making it compulsory that every passenger boat should carry at least one motor-lifeboat equipped with wireless and wireless receiver, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister replied that these questions would be considered at the International Conference on the safety of life at sea which would take place next spring.

**The Eye Disaster.**

The recent disaster to the lifeboat at Rye Harbour, in which seventeen lives were lost, was recalled by a question put by Commander Kenworthy (Labour) as to the position of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister replied that subject to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, the National Lifeboat Institution had always had full responsibility for providing and maintaining the lifeboat service on the coasts of the British Isles. He did not think there was any reason for seeking to take away from the Institution the great public service which it had discharged faithfully and well since it was founded in 1824.

**STORM DEATH ROLL IN HOLLAND.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 27th.

The death-roll in Holland as the result of the devastating week-end gale is now placed at 53, thirty-two of which occurred in connection with the wreck of the Italian steamer *Salento*, which went aground near Zandvoort in the night of the storm and became a total loss.

The majority of the deaths occurred at sea, several being among the lifeboatmen, who went out gallantly to ships in distress.

From Ghent, Belgium, it is reported that as the result of the torrential rains which accompanied the terrible gale, serious floods have occurred in the low-lying regions around Termonde.

The villages of Grembergen and Moerske are completely under water, in some places to an extent of 65 inches.

**TYPHOON HAVOC IN PHILIPPINES.****GROWING TALE OF DISASTER.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MANILA, Nov. 28th.

The death-roll caused by the typhoon is mounting as reports come in, and is now estimated at 200, but communication with the stricken provinces is only possible by runners.

Four destroyers are leaving to-day to reinforce the Navy relief operations.

It is impossible to estimate the property and crop losses, but it is expected that the total will be several million pesos.

**KING'S QUIETER NIGHT.****PRINCE OF WALES' RETURN.****CRUISER AND TRAIN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 28th.

The newspapers all rejoice at the better news of the King's illness, and tributes are paid to the "affectionate concern and sense of duty" of the Prince of Wales in curtailing his African visit. It is pointed out that although the latest news of the King's condition encourages hopes of His Majesty's full restoration to health, obviously he will need a prolonged rest. The Prince's speedy return may be regarded, says the *Daily News*, as indicating his "intention to relieve His Majesty in the immediate future of all such duties as can be vicariously performed, and train himself more assiduously than ever for the position, the high responsibilities of which he recently acknowledged in striking phrases."

**In Tanganyika.**

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester are both at present in Tanganyika territory. The Prince returned to Dodoma last night after a few days hunting in the Kondoa Irangi district. The Duke of Gloucester has been shooting near Lake Bukwa.

**LATEST NEWS.**

LONDON, Nov. 28th.

At 6 a.m. this morning His Majesty was stated to be fairly comfortable.

A bulletin was issued at 10 a.m. stating that the King passed a quieter night. His temperature and general condition remain as before.

Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Hewett returned to the Palace at the unusual hour of 1.30 p.m. Sir William Joyson Hicks called twice in the course of the morning and was with at the Palace at 1.30.

It is emphasised on high authority that the bulletin in regard to the King's health are statements of fact, and nothing has been kept back. A medical expert, referring to queries as to whether the King has got pneumonia emphasises that the existence of congestion of one lung does not imply that the patient is suffering from pneumonia in the usual sense of the word.

Their original plan was to join one another at Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia, early in December and to proceed to Capetown where Christmas was to have been spent with the Governor-General of South Africa the Earl of Athlone, returning to England in January. The alteration in their plans will necessarily entail disappointment in the territories where a welcome was in preparation, but in the circumstances the Prince's decision will be thoroughly understood and appreciated.

**Prince's Hurdled Journey.**

The Prince of Wales reached Dodoma last night with only one friend, having come on ahead of his escort from his shooting camp 160 miles within the bush. Dodoma is about a 300 miles railway journey from Dar es Salaam where presumably he will join the *Enterprise* now on its 1,800 miles voyage there from Aden.

The *Enterprise*, which belongs to the fourth cruiser squadron on the East India station, has for ten days been lying at Aden. She has a speed of 33 knots and her tonnage is 7,580. It is anticipated that she will take the Prince to Brindisi, whence he will travel overland. The voyage from Dar es Salaam to Brindisi is about 4,700 miles and could, it is anticipated, be covered in about nine days. From Brindisi to London takes twenty-seven hours.

**Less Disturbed.**

November 27th.

The King had a less disturbed day. His temperature is lower than at the corresponding hour last evening and his strength is maintained," states the bulletin issued to-night by Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Hewett.

The Admiralty has ordered the cruiser, H.M.S. *Enterprise* to proceed from Aden to Dar es Salaam to be at the disposal of the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales has cabled to Mr. Stanley Baldwin from Dodoma. "In view of His Majesty's illness, I and my brother are returning to England as soon as possible."

It is understood that the Prince's decision is not the result of any message recalling him, but has been taken entirely on his own initiative. (Continued on next column).

**NAVAL STRENGTH OF THE POWERS.****FIGURES OF PERSONNEL.****SUGGESTED CONFERENCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 27th.

A most enlightening statement of the comparative strengths of the navies of the world in respect of man-power, was given by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

He ventured a comparison between the personnel of the navies of the Great Powers in July, 1914, and July this year. In round figures they were

	1914.	1928.
Britain	148,000	101,000
Domination	5,000	8,300
United States	67,000	113,000
Japan	50,000	85,000
France	60,000	62,000
Italy	40,000	46,000

In reply to a further question, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman said that he had always tried to point out that this country had done more in the direction of disarmament than any other, and as regards the future, he could do his best, to see that this country was secure.

**American Proposal.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27th.

Mr. F. A. Bittens, the Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has cabled to Mr. Stanley Baldwin suggesting that a joint meeting of a committee composed of members of the British Parliament and of the U.S. Naval Affairs Committee should be held in Canada after March 3rd, to discuss the subject of equality of sea-power between Britain and the United States in all classes of warships not affected by the Washington Arms Conference.

He suggests that the members should submit reports to their respective Governments after the conference.

**Important Phrase.**

Reuter understands that His Majesty obtained a certain amount of sleep during the day and this undoubtedly has resulted in the improvement noted.

The phrase "strength maintained," which appears in to-night's bulletin and in most of the previous bulletins, is described in authoritative circles as "all important."

It is emphasised that the doctors are able to include the phrase to-night showing that the King continues to keep up his strength against the disease.

A high official of the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace stated that the announcement that H.M.S. *Enterprise* had been placed at the disposal of the Prince of Wales must be read in conjunction with to-night's favourable bulletin, to which the Admiralty announcement was issued as an addendum.

**Favourable Outlook.**

A well-known doctor not connected with the Court, interviewed by Reuter, described to-night's bulletin as most reassuring and hopeful. He expressed the opinion that the outlook is very favourable indeed.

The Duke of York, speaking at a luncheon given by the British Post Advertising Association at Stationers' Hall to-day, said:

"I am glad to be able to tell you there is a slight improvement in the King's condition this morning. Some of you will know what pleases and how depressing it can be."

"There are two things to be remembered from the nature of the illness, namely, that progress must be slow and that there must be ups and downs, but progress has been made."

This announcement was received with enthusiastic applause. Sir William Joyson Hicks, speaking at Dartford, said that the latest news of the King was distinctly better. He saw the Duke of York before leaving London and the Duke told him that His Majesty had had a better night and was easier to-day.

**Better Outlook.**

"The King is going on well," said the Home Secretary, "and we have reason to hope that before long you will get better news still."

Indication that the public anxiety regarding His Majesty had been somewhat relieved was also afforded by the fact that the Queen and Prince Mary left the Palace during the afternoon to pay some personal visits. They were warmly cheered by the large crowds waiting outside the gates of the Palace.

Messages are being received from all parts of the Empire and other countries expressing sympathy with the King and the Royal Family and hopes for His Majesty's speedy recovery.

**Prince George.**

The Admiralty announces that the Commander-in-Chief, America and the West India Station, reports that rumours appearing in the Press as to the illness of Prince George are entirely incorrect.

**The Royal Highness.**

The Royal Highness is in excellent health.

**WAILING WALL AT JERUSALEM.****DOUBLY HOLY PLACE.****PROPERTY OF MOSLEMS.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 28th.

The dispute which arose at the western or Wailing Wall in Jerusalem on the Day of Atonement, September 24th, is discussed in a memorandum issued by the Secretary for the Colonies. It is stated that the Wailing Wall formed part of the western exterior of the ancient Jewish Temple and is holy to the Jewish community. The wall is also part of Haram al Sharif and as such is holy to the Moslems. Moreover, it is legally the absolute property of the Moslem Community.

On September 23rd a complaint was made that innovations had been made by the Jews for the Day of Atonement service by the introduction of a dividing screen and other articles. A beadle told the Deputy District Commissioner that the screen would be removed, but the next day it was still there and the police removed it in spite of resistance from some of the worshippers. "His Majesty's Government regarded it as their duty, and it is their intention to maintain the Jewish right of access to the pavement in front of the wall for the purpose of their devotions and also to allow them to bring to the wall those appurtenances that they were allowed to take to the wall under the Turkish regime."

As to further privileges, the possibility of acquiring them by mutual arrangement has been lessened by the fact that public opinion in Palestine had removed the matter from the purely religious orbit and had made of it a political and racial question.

**ANOTHER NORTH POLAR FLIGHT.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Nov. 27th.

Dr. Eckener, the designer of the Graf Zeppelin, and Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, have recently been conferring with the Ministry of Transport with a view to an airship flight over the North Pole.

It has been decided to grant permission for the Graf Zeppelin to fly over the Arctic for scientific purposes. The financial end of the flight will be in the hands of the Aero Arctic Society.

Dr. Nansen is the President of the Society for the Exploration of the Arctic.

**POLICE GUARD FOR JURY.****ARRESTS FOLLOW MURDER OF SPORTSMAN.****\$32,000 BAIL.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th.

The police authorities after an interval of three weeks have at length instituted proceedings for the apprehension of the murderers of Mr. Arnold Rothstein, a well-known figure on the American turf, who was shot while walking in the street by an assailant from a motor-car containing three men.

The car dashed off at full speed, leaving Mr. Rothstein lying on the pavement seriously wounded. He died in hospital later.

Action was taken to-day for the first time. After a Grand Jury, who were protected by the police guard, which is a very unusual procedure, had heard a number of witnesses, the police arrested five of the witnesses.

Formally charged, they were admitted to bail, the total amounting to \$32,000.

Subsequently, George McManus, who was held to be an intimate friend of the deceased, was arrested. McManus has been the object of an intensive police search.

**SALVATION ARMY LEADER.****GENERAL BOOTH'S RECOVERY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 27th.

General Bramwell Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, is reported to be out of danger, and his medical advisers are hopeful for a complete recovery.

No further bulletins are to be issued.

**AIR MAILS SUSPENDED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 27th.

The Postmaster General announces that owing to the suspension of certain connecting air services abroad, the letter air mail services to Denmark, Sweden and Norway and the air parcel services to Denmark, Sweden and Norway are suspended until further notice.

**HOOVER'S TOUR IN THE SOUTH.****FITTING HIMSELF FOR HIS TASK.****NICARAGUA'S WELCOME.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th.

Mr. Herbert Hoover received distinguished attention on his arrival to-day at La Union, Salvador, the U.S. President-Elect being accorded a wonderful reception.

Replying to an address of welcome at Amapala yesterday Mr. Hoover declared that he was engaged on this tour of Central and South America in order that he might learn more of the common problems of the Western Hemisphere.

The knowledge gained, he hoped, might render him better fitted for his coming task.

Speaking at La Union, Mr. Hoover urged a freer exchange of political education and scientific ideas among the American nations as a means of achieving an enduring basis of mutual respect.

Mr. Hoover afterwards left for Corinto, Nicaragua, and a late report states that he has arrived there.

Mr. Hoover on landing at Corinto was officially welcomed by President Diaz, ex-President Chamorro, and President-Elect Moncada, and heartily greeted by the crowd.

**NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS.****GOVERNMENT LOSSES.****LIBERALS STRONG POSITION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, Nov. 27th.

The final state of the parties in the New Zealand Parliament as the result of the General Election confirms the severity of the Government's set-back, though the forecasts in two districts have proved incorrect, the Government retaining their seats against strong Socialist and Independent candidates.

Three Independents have pledged their support to Sir Joseph Ward, the leader of the United Liberals. He is thus able to command a greater number of votes than the old Government. The final state is as follows:—

Reform Party (Gov.)	20
United Liberals	27
Labour	10
Independents	5

At the dissolution, the House was made up as follows:—

Reform Party	23
Liberals	11
Labour	14
Independent	2

**NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.****FURTHER INCREASE OF CAPITAL.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 27th.

The directors of the National City Bank have recommended to their stockholders the issue of a further \$50,000,000 of stock, \$10,000,000 to be used to increase the capital from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Of the remainder, \$35,000,000 will be added to the surplus making it also \$100,000,000, and the remaining \$5,000,000 will be applied to the capital of the Bank's investment subsidiary,



## MID-WEEK FOOT-BALL.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Yesterday's games resulted as under:-

## HONG KONG LEAGUE.

## Division I.

K.O.S.B. 2; Small Units 0.  
Queen's Regt. Res. 4; K.O.S.B. Res. 1.

## MID-WEEK LEAGUE.

South China 2; Hung Kui School 1.  
Hong Kong Police 1; P.W.D. Chinese 0.  
Lam Long Wan 1; Ewo Chinese 1.

## K.O.S.B. SMALL UNITS.

The above teams met in the Hong Kong League at Sookanpo, the result being a win for the K.O.S.B. by two goals to nil.

Great interest was taken in the meeting of those teams in Division II. of the League on the Chatham Road ground yesterday, for both sides had an unbeaten record. Queen's emerged victorious by 4 goals to 1, after being a goal down at the interval.

The first half was evenly contested, although the Queen's attack appeared the better. Dennis and Gasson completely subduing the Borderers left wing. After 10 minutes play K.O.S.B. took the lead through Barra. Half-time: Queen's 0; K.O.S.B. 1. Queen's were quickly on the offensive after the resumption, and for the greater part of the second half were masters of the situation. Evans scored the equaliser and Thurlow gave his side the lead. The Borderers fell away a lot in the closing stages and two fine goals from Eady gave the Queen's a comfortable win.

Result: Queen's Regt. 4; K.O.S.B. 1.

## QUEEN'S REGIMENT II. K.O.S.B. II.

The teams:-  
K.O.S.B.-Fox, Bird, Martin, McGee, McKnight, Drury, Hart, Harris, Crawley, Hume and Craig.  
Queen's:-Underdown, Dennis, Farrell, Gasson, Warner, McLaws, Gill, Evans, Thurlow, Harris and Eady.

Result: Queen's Regt. 4; K.O.S.B. 1.

## LAM LONG WAN v. EWO.

A rather scrambling game took place on the Athletic ground at Happy Valley, and a draw is a very fair indication of the run of the play. Ewo being superior in the first half, while Lam Long Wan had most of the play after the resumption. Chan Wing Kwong gave Ewo the lead but they failed to penetrate a sound defence a second time.

Half time: Ewo 1; Lam Long Wan 0.

Lam Long Wan played up hard after the resumption but missed their opportunities until at last Chan Yui Kwai shot through a crowd of players into the net.

Result: Lam Long Wan 1; Ewo 1.

The teams:-  
Lam Long Wan-Leung Shui Wah, Leung Kam Fook, Yu Kam Ping, Wong Ling Wing, Ng Chi Yin, Leung So, Chow Hon Ting, Chai Yui Kwai, Lo Man Kwong, Ho Kai Kwong, and Ho Sick Chuen.

Ewo-Chung Chee Keng, Yee King Tat, Lam Ho Yin, To Ho Heung, Cheung Kam Tong, H. C. To, Ho Yuen Tim, Lo Cheung Man, Chan Wing Kwong, Chow Yuen Chung, and Tong Cheung Pak.  
Referee: Lee-Corpl. Grieve, 2nd K.O.S.B.

## SOUTH CHINA v. HUNG KUI SCHOOL.

South China had to go all out for their victory over Hung Kui School yesterday, for the losers gave their best display of the season, and were better unlucky in not taking away a point. Play was always fast, but there was little attempt at accurate combination, and South China made their usual mistake of bunching too much in the centre. The interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

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## LAWN BOWLS.

## RECREIO ENTERTAIN GOVERNOR'S PARTY.

## VISITORS WIN.

A lawn bowls match which had to be postponed some time ago owing to bad weather was played yesterday afternoon when H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) took a party of bowlers over to the Club de Recreio for a friendly game. The Governor's party had many experienced players and succeeded in defeating the King's Park champions on all rinks. Government House won by 27 shots.

At the close of the game His Excellency thanked the convenor, Mr. C. M. S. Alves, for the very pleasant game provided by the Club de Recreio and for permitting Government House to win (Laughter). Cheers were called for the home team and heartily reciprocated.

Teams and scores were:-  
C. de Recreio. Govt. House.  
A. E. Alves F. Sutton  
F. X. Soares Major Dowbiggin  
C. M. S. Alves C. G. Edwards  
G. G. Oazorio W. Russell  
(Skip) (Skip) 21  
G. G. Alves L. Davies  
C. Ribeiro Comdr. J. B. Pearson  
A. Lopes H.E. the Governor  
L. A. Gutierrez A. M. Holland  
(Skip) (Skip) 11  
C. F. Vas Capt. Whyte  
J. M. Rosario E. W. Carpenter  
Siva J. L. Sheffear  
A. H. Basto J. Deakin  
(Skip) (Skip) 20  
Total 34 Total 61

## POLICE INSPECTOR TO GO HOME.

## MR. J. R. CLARK, THE LAWN BOWLS PLAYER.

Invalided out of the Hong Kong Police Force, Inspector J. R. Clark leaves the Colony on Saturday with his family.

Mr. Clark has had about 13 years' continuous service except for the time when he was on active service during the war. He has been a keen football player for the Police, and latterly took to lawn bowls, playing for his Club in the League matches. In 1923 he won the bowls' championship of the Craighower Cricket Club.

Starting as a recruit, Mr. Clark showed considerable ability and rose to the rank of Inspector in 1923.

Many sportsmen in the Colony, and lawn bowls players in particular, will regret to hear that Mr. Clark has to leave the Colony on account of ill health and will wish him complete recovery when he gets home.

The game continued to be fought out at a fast pace, and South China lasted out rather better than their opponents. South China scored twice through Tong Kwan and Lo Chan Wan, while Wong Kam Fook replied for Hung Kui.

Result: South China 2; Hung Kui School 1.

## THE MID-WEEK LEAGUE.

Low scoring was a feature of the mid-week league games down for decision yesterday, the three matches only yielding 9 goals.

## POLICE v. P.W.D. (CHINESE).

By a goal scored within 5 minutes of the commencement Police managed to scramble home winners of a keen struggle with the P.W.D. The winners adopted bustling tactics which put their more polished opponents off their game, but the work of the forward line left much to be desired.

P.W.D. started with a strong attack which was relieved by a fine clearance by Williams. At the other end Hunter completed a nice run with an accurate centre to McEwan, who scored with a low drive. Play continued slightly in favour of the Police, who were by far the heavier team, but the P.W.D. defence held out in dogged fashion.

Time time: Police 1; P.W.D. 0.

Play continued in favour of the Police who repeatedly took the ball within shooting distance only to finish weakly. Britain was a lower of strength at centre half, while McEwan and Johnson were the pick of the forwards. Great credit is due to the P.W.D. goalies for a most steady display.

Result: Police 1; P.W.D. 0.

The teams:-

Police-Estall, Callard, Williams, Harris, Brittain, Muir, Gowans, McEwan, Johnson, Forbes and Hunter.

P.W.D.-Chu Fook To, Chok Che Kong, Tam Kong Ling, Ng Yung Kay, L. E. Cheung, Lai In Kwong, Cheung Hing Tong, Yuen Kam, Chi Fung, Fung Fook, and Chan Fong In.

Referee: Lee-Corpl. Shead, 1st Queen's Royal Regt.

## TENNIS.

## LADIES' RECREATION CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The result of the 1st round of the Ladies' Club Championship Singles is as follows:-

C. Grove w.o. from R. M. Henderson.  
N. Evans beat C. Mathias 4-3, 6-3.

G. W. Sewell beat J. O. Lawrie, 11-9, 6-2.  
R. E. Tottenham beat J. F. W. Allen, 6-0, 6-2.

The second round must be completed by December 4th.

## MIXED DOUBLES.

Win For Miss Luard And H. Lo.

In an interesting match on the Craighower Cricket Club courts yesterday afternoon, Miss Luard and H. Lo defeated Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bradbury in the second round of the Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony by the odd set, the final scores in their favour being 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

## EXCITING GOLF BY THE PRINCE.

## BUNKERED BY SPOON OF HIPPOPOTAMUS.

## AN UNUSUAL COURSE.

## Nairobi.

During his visit to Kenya and Uganda the Prince of Wales has been able to indulge fully in his passion for golf and racing, and has had a good deal of exercise in both sports. In Nairobi he has played golf on nearly every course in the two countries. His last round of golf, which he played at Jinja (Ripon Falls), Uganda, provided him with a novel experience, for the Jinja course is the only one in the world having a rule to the effect that a player whose ball lodges in the print of a hippopotamus foot shall be allowed to lift the ball before playing the next shot. More than once when playing over the course the Prince found it necessary to make use of the privilege.

The course lies, beside Lake Victoria, and the hippos frequently wander up from the water across the greens. The night before the Prince's game there had been a heavy rainfall and a hippo which had taken a stroll over the course had left his hoof marks nearly a foot deep in the softened ground.

In his game with the Governor of Uganda, Sir William Gowers, over the Jinja course the Prince was holding his own well up to the sixth hole of a nine-hole match. When approaching the seventh green his ball, running straight and true for the hole, dropped into a footmark made by a hippopotamus. For a moment the Prince was in a quandary, but the local rule permitting him to lift the ball was explained to him. Remarkably that he was glad it was only the spoon and not the hippo himself they had met, the Prince removed the ball from the footmark, holed out with a perfect putt, and won the hole. This put him one up on the Governor, and he maintained the lead until the end, thus winning the game.

Kitala saw another exciting match when the Prince, playing as a member of the Entebbe team, was four down at the ninth hole of an eighteen-hole match. Playing beautifully, the Prince won the next three holes, halved the thirteenth, and won the fourteenth, thus being all square. Three of the remaining four holes the Prince did in bogey, but even so he lost one of them, won one, and halved another, so that the match was again all square.

By holing a very long putt on the last green the Prince was able to win the game by one hole.

Referring to the golf course, in a speech at an ex-servicemen's dinner the same evening, the Prince said he had a grievance against the Kitala course—it had too many bunkers. "I have been given to understand," he added, "that they were constructed entirely for my benefit, and if it is any consolation to you I may say that I went into nearly all of them."

## VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH FARMERS.

## Eldorado (Kensy).

The Prince of Wales received a loyal and rousing reception on his arrival at Eldorado, the centre of a farming area which is largely populated by South African Dutch. The Dutch joined with the British farmers in cheering as the Prince left the station. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides and British and Dutch ex-servicemen paraded, and were inspected by the Prince, who chatted with some of the ex-servicemen.

Afterwards he drove to the golf course and played during the morning.

## THE FORGERY TRIAL.

## MR. KING'S EVIDENCE.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4.)

## Became Suspicious.

Mr. Jenkins: Did you have any interview with Tsang at all before detaining him? I did ask him certain questions.

Was it then late in the evening?—Between 6 and 7 p.m.

In answer to further questions, Mr. King said that it was only during the enquiry that he became aware that Tsang was responsible for writing out all cheques and also for the custody of the cheques.

Mr. Jenkins: As the man primarily responsible for drawing up Government cheques, you would consider that he was the man who could throw considerable light on a specimen of his writing from a book on his desk and as it appeared to be the same as the writing on the cheques, I became suspicious.

Was that the reason that till 6.45 p.m. you had had no time to interview him? I did not interview him. I did not want to create any misapprehension. I only asked certain questions.

As far as you can recollect you did not ask him anything about those three cheques?—No.

Nor Chung Man Kun?—No.

Only a Minor Point At That Time.

Questioned further by Counsel for the defence, Mr. King said that he remembered seeing some cheque book covers about an hour after he had arrived at the Treasury. Mr. Messer also pointed out the altered numbers on the cover.

Mr. Jenkins: Did Mr. Messer make any suggestion in reference to those altered numbers?—I can't swear as to whether a statement was made that afternoon, or the next day.

Is it possible that if you were to consult your records to refresh your memory, you might be able to answer these little questions?—I don't think so because I made no notes relating to my interview with Mr. Messer.

Why was not Tsang asked about that fact—he being the custodian of the cheque book?—I am not clear whether Mr. Messer made a statement to me about the altered number on the cheque book cover that afternoon or two days later. In the meanwhile I had detained Tsang that afternoon.

I cannot conceive why it is that Tsang, the man who had custody of cheque books, could not be asked to give some sort of an explanation about it?—At that time I thought that it was comparatively a minor point. The problem then was where were the other 57 missing cheques.

That was attended to by Mr. Black when he went to the bank to stop payment?—I asked to see a further lot of stubs instead.

What were you searching for?—Looking to see how the cheques had been extracted.

That would not be such an important point as to finding out who had tampered with the covers?—I thought it was.

Did you discover how, in your opinion, the cheques had been in fact extracted? I came to the conclusion that the book was unbound and the cheques extracted wholly and then the book was rebound.

That was a matter about which you could easily have asked Tsang to give an explanation?—Yes.

Anything you did ask Tsang about altered covers and the discovery of how the cheques were extracted?—No.

When you arrived at the Treasury did Mr. Messer get a specimen of Tsang's handwriting for you for the purpose of comparison?—No, I only saw Tsang's handwriting on a book on his desk.

Mr. Messer Holds Different Views.

Mr. Black was there that afternoon, wasn't he?—Yes.

Did Mr. Black tell you that the three signatures upon the three cheques were not his?—I don't know whether he told me that or the Chief Detective Officer.

Pressed as to this point again, witness said that he did not think Mr. Black had told him that.

There were three people intimately concerned?—Mr. Black, Tsang and Mr. Messer, did you interview Mr. Black at all?—I have no recollection that I did.

It appears to me as a layman that had you questioned Tsang and Chung, they might have possibly satisfied you and relieved you of the responsibility of detaining them?—They might have.

Witness said that he first associated Tsang with the fraud because of the similarity of the handwriting, and he had therefore detained him.

Mr. Jenkins: Did Mr. Messer agree with your idea of the handwriting?—No, he did not think that it was in Tsang's handwriting.

Did you request that there should be a search for the vouchers?—I knew that it was being done.

The purpose, for making that search was to see that there was no vouchers used with the three cheques?—Yes, that is so.

Asked again who had ordered the search, Mr. King said that the search was already started when he got to the office.

Mr. Jenkins: So that the view was entertained that afternoon that the cheques might have been obtained by a trick?—As a police officer I entertained both views—either the cheques were forged or they were genuine. I worked on both lines.

One And Only One Basis.

I put it to you that the charge was preferred on one and only one basis and that was that Mr. Black and Mr. Messer had been tricked into putting their signatures on the cheques, and that was why the closing remark was added that cheques were not intended to be cashed or presented for payment against Treasury money?

Mr. King said that that view was not in his mind. He did not know why the closing remark was added because he was not a legal expert. There was no doubt that His Lordship pointed out that Mr. King had not framed the charge himself and that he had consulted the law officers of the Crown.

Mr. Jenkins replied that the law officers of the Crown did not know the facts and all that they knew was reported by Mr. King. It was therefore obvious that how and why that charge was framed was based on facts presented by witness.

Mr. Jenkins: (to Mr. King) Then do you say that when you preferred the charge, your opinion was that the whole thing was a forgery? I was working on both hypotheses, until the men were discharged.

Arrested Without Warrant.

Mr. King said that the two men were arrested without a warrant. He had opposed to bail being allowed.

Asked again as to what in effect Mr. Messer had said to support his statement that the cheques were forged, witness said that what he understood from Mr. Messer was that the amounts on the cheques were too large and that the payees' names were not familiar, and that was the reason why Mr. Messer had said that the cheques were forged.

Mr. Messer had also admitted to him that looking at the signature only, he would take it to be his own.

Mr. Jenkins: Substantially what he said was that, but for the surrounding circumstances, the signatures would have been accepted as his own?—Yes.

Counsel then questioned witness with regard to a police notification appearing in the Press on February 8th in which a reward was offered. The notification set out that a swindle had been effected by means of three fraudulent cheques and in brackets the words "purported to be signed by the Colonial Treasurer." He asked Mr. King what did that indicate.

Witness replied that it indicated that he was supposed to have signed the cheques.

Mr. Jenkins: It is curious to say the least of it that Mr. Black's name was not mentioned?—That was because the Colonial Treasurer was responsible.

Did you not take it that only Mr. Messer's signatures were forged and that Mr. Black's signatures were genuine?—No, I placed both of their signatures in the same category.

Then why use the word "fraudulent cheques" instead of forged?—As I said they might be forged or they might be genuine.

Witness then went on to say that when he went away on Home leave on March 23rd, his department was still working on the case on both hypotheses, "but," witness added, "with a bias on the side of forgery."

Witness also spoke of his discussing the matter with Professor Shellshear and that he had tried to enlist his assistance. Prof. Shellshear had told him that he had been retained by the Bank. He then called in the services of Mr. Dovey.

Re-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that the words "purported to be signed by the Colonial Treasurer" which he had placed in brackets in the police notification, was to show that the cheques were Government cheques. Beyond that description there was nothing else in the whole of the notification.

Mr. Jenkins: Did Mr. Messer agree with your idea of the handwriting?—No, he did not think that it was in Tsang's handwriting.

The case is to continue this morning at 10.30 a.m.

## STOCK-GAMBLING MANIA.

## MYSTERIOUS LURE OF THE SHILLING SHARE.

A special City correspondent of the Daily Express describes below the extent—and the dangers—of the fever of Stock Exchange speculation that has infected England. The fever is a kind of post-war disease.

Shakes in artificial silk, gramophone, and other luxury concerns are bought recklessly, often on the strength of extremely doubtful estimates of profits to come. New concerns appear continually, taking advantage of the share-gambling mania.

"The public," it is stated, "will wake up one day to find that the bubble has burst. There are certain signs which suggest that the day is near."

## IMPOSSIBLE PROMISES.

Not since the great rubber boom, which reached its climax in 1910, has England experienced such an outburst of wild speculation as that which is now in progress.

For weeks and months past there has been as mad a rush for the shares of practically every company floated—and there have been hundreds of them—as was induced by the lure of the fabulous profits that were made by the plantation rubber companies eighteen years ago, when the commodity was commanding as much as 8s. per pound, as compared with its price, comparatively recently, of only as many pence.

The present boom is quite unusual, in that the speculative fever with which the public is so badly bitten is finding its vent in the purchase of shares of undertakings formed mainly to operate in England.

Boom Periods.

Boom periods on the Stock Exchange usually coincide with periods of industrial depression. The tendency to take an inordinate degree of risk is naturally accentuated if, as at the present time, the depression in trade coincides with high taxation and cost of living.

It is not difficult to explain why, on this occasion, the money with which the public is gambling is flowing into the home market. Owing to the war, conditions in foreign countries, both political and financial, have been so unsettled as to put them, to all intents and purposes, out of court, and there has been no gold-field discovery in the Empire.

Money has, therefore, decided to stay at home, where it is employing itself mainly in the development of what are known as the "luxury" trades, namely, those devoted to the production of artificial silk, gramophones, tobacco, beer, films, and motor-cars.

All great upheavals of the social system are invariably followed by a manifestation of insobriety, and consequently after a great war every kind of industry that caters for self-indulgence may be expected to do well.

Dancing Craze.

The craze for dancing, in particular, has given an enormous impetus to the gramophone industry, and under cover of the amazing prosperity of the leading companies a host of new concerns, designed to compete with them and to share in their success, have been formed.

Computations have been made which go to show that if all the companies formed to produce gramophone records carry out their promises, the records could be sold only if every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom were to buy one every day.

One company has publicly declared that it is now preparing to manufacture records at the rate of 40,000,000 per annum. It has been in existence already for something like two years, and has not yet paid a dividend, even on its preference shares. Nevertheless the shares of the company in question are still quoted at more than six times their par value!

The greed of the public for gramophone shares has unquestionably been fostered by the offering of shares of low denomination. The idea of being able for £50 to acquire no fewer than 1,000 shares of 1s. denomination appears to exercise a magnetic attraction.

There are thousands of people who, when they pay, say, 3s. for one of these 1s. shares, fail to appreciate that it is precisely the same thing as paying 23 for a 2s. share.

The public not infrequently buys a share without stopping even to inquire what is its denomination. Of those who bought the shares of the Metropolitan Gramophone Company up to 24s. apiece, there are many who do not know that they are of the denomination of 1s. only.

Low Denomination.

The speculation boom that has now assumed such amazing and dangerous proportions has spread from gramophones to every kind of enterprise. Apparently the only qualification required is that the shares shall be of low denomination.

There are certain signs and portents in the City which suggest that the day is near.

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## SPEEDWAYS OF EMPIRE.

## TWO-THIRDS OF THE JOURNEY-TIME TO BE SAVED.

Great Britain's two new airships, now nearly ready, are far in advance of the Zeppelin that has just crossed the Atlantic.

This claim was made by Sir Samuel Hays, Secretary of State for Air, in an address on aviation and the British Empire before the Royal Geographical Society of Scotland at Edinburgh.

"We believe," he said, "that if we can successfully solve the problems that have surrounded the airship, we can use it for eliminating two-thirds of the time that is now spent in journeys between London and the capitals of the Empire."

"This is the justification of the programme under which, for the last three years we have been engaged on the design and construction of two great airships. We have studied the lessons of past experience. We have availed ourselves of scientific theory and practical experiment, and as a result we believe that the two airships that are nearing construction are far in advance of any airship hitherto built."

The future alone can prove whether or not we are right. It is, however, worth noting that the new German Zeppelin airship, as we believe far inferior in design and construction to our own, has succeeded in making a Transatlantic flight in the face of adverse weather conditions. As I say, we believe that we shall succeed with our experiment, and the Dominion Governments believe that we shall succeed with it, for they are co-operating with us."

Functional Flying.

The formation of air services "that will fly punctually and safely from one end of the Empire to the other" was another of the objectives of the Air Ministry.

"Up to now," said Sir Samuel, "it has been a period of careful experiment. We have had to prove to the world that air travel can be made safe and that air time-tables can be kept."

"The first of the new developments will be a regular air service to and from India, capable of carrying passengers, freight, and mails safely and punctually, and of making the journey in from five days to a week. So far as I can see, the obstacles in the way of this service have now been removed, and in the early part of next year it should be running every week between London and Karachi."

The other great trunk line for British airplanes is the line between London and Capetown, a line with great possibilities, passing through British territories and dominions, and eventually reaching South Africa, with its gold and diamonds, that are peculiarly suited for air transport.

"If, in the comparatively near future, we can inaugurate regular airplane services between London and Capetown and London and Capetown, we shall have created by far the two most important airplane lines in the world."

The urge "to make something on the Stock Exchange" has become so keen that projects scarcely less wild than those into which the public was tempted in the days of the South Sea Bubble are daily being successfully floated.

New inventions that can have but the remotest prospect of success are daily being capitalised. In order to avoid the criticism that such inventions should first have been subjected to the test of "marketability" it has happened more than once that the promoters have resorted to the cunning expedient of forming "dummy" companies for the express purpose of securing from them contracts to take, at highly remunerative prices, hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth per annum of the article (or product) which the parent company is formed to make.





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### HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hong Kong Observatory, Nov. 28th.	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 8 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.83	29.93	29.85
Temperature...	70	65	74
Humidity...	63	53	54
Wind...	N	N	WSW
Direction...	N	N	WSW
Force...	0	3	0
Weather...	0	0	0
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 28th: 71			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 28th: 64			
B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Precipitation; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.			

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From November 29th to Dec. 5th, 1928.	
HIGH WATER.	LOW WATER.
Day of Week	Day of Week
Date	Date
Nov. 29	Nov. 29
Nov. 30	Nov. 30
Dec. 1	Dec. 1
Dec. 2	Dec. 2
Dec. 3	Dec. 3
Dec. 4	Dec. 4
Dec. 5	Dec. 5

## THE S.S. "PANGKOR."

### LAUNCHED AT TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

#### MRS. SOUTHERN'S WITTY SPEECH.

The last of the three vessels built to the order of the Straits Steamship Company gracefully took to the water yesterday morning after being named 'Pangkor' by Mrs. Southern, the wife of the Officer Administering the Government. The vessel is being built at the Taikoo Dockyard for service in the Malay Archipelago, and a very large gathering were present to witness the launching. The vessel slid down the slipway without a hitch and floated well out towards the mainland. She was immediately taken in hand by the Dockyard tugs and berthed alongside the seawall.

A reception was held after the ceremony, and Mr. N. S. Brown, who presided briefly thanked Mrs. Southern and those present. It gave him, he said, great pleasure to see so many present at the launching, and they were greatly indebted to Mrs. Southern for carrying out the naming ceremony. The vessel just launched was the third of her class, to be built and launched by the Taikoo Dock and it was to be hoped that she would not be the last. It was notable that her two sisters were in service in the Eastern Archipelago and the owners were completely satisfied with their excellent performance. He asked those present to drink to the health of Mrs. Southern and to the long life and prosperity of the ship.

After the toasts had been honoured, Mrs. Southern was presented with a gold cigarette case suitably inscribed, as a memento of the occasion.

#### MRS. W. T. SOUTHERN'S SPEECH.

##### Poetry And Ships.

Addressing the assembly Mrs. W. T. Southern said:—Your Excellencies, Mr. Brown, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I feel it a great pleasure and a great honour to be invited to name the good ship 'Pangkor' to-day, and I am unable to express my thanks adequately for the beautiful souvenir presented to me by my kind friend, Mr. Neillage Brown, on behalf of Taikoo. The launching of a ship is so thrilling an incident that one needs no reward for performing the ceremony. But I shall treasure this memento of a very interesting event. My husband said the other day that a wedding was the only occasion on which he felt impelled to think the launching of a ship appeals to one's poetic nature in a very special way. And especially does one feel that there is a subtle compliment in asking a woman to launch a ship, for every ship of very kind and class is known as "she." We must have a sisterly feeling for ships. Moreover, we have a classic example of a woman concerned with a launching—a launching on a very large scale, according to the Elizabethan poet. You see I am edging towards poetry rapidly. You remember the lovely lady Helen who caused so much trouble so many centuries ago. Marlowe says of her:—

"Is this the face that launched a thousand ships  
And burnt the topmost towers of Ilium?"

Well, I could not hope to launch even one ship by the means that Helen employed, so I am content to launch this ship, and to enjoy it thoroughly in a straightforward way, with a bottle of champagne. But I must not talk any more nonsense. All I wish to add is that I compliment the builders of the 'Pangkor' on the admirable work they have put into her. I gather she is the third ship of this class that has been built by Taikoo; and this is the third ship I have had the honour of launching. Three, they say, is a lucky number. I hope the 'Pangkor' will be fortunate in every way. I shall feel I have a permanent and abiding share in her, and I shall follow her fortunes with keenest interest.

#### THE S.S. "PANGKOR."

The twin-screw steamer 'Pangkor' is intended for the Straits Steamship Company's passenger and cargo trade. The principal dimensions are:—

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Breadth ...	42' 6"
Depth ...	20' 3"

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## MARRIAGE OF "DENISE ORME."

LONDON, Nov. 1st.

Lady Churston, formerly the wife of Lord Churston, who was well known on the stage as Denise Orme, was married yesterday at Marylebone Registry Office to Mr. Theodore William West.

The bride wore a red velvet coat with fox fur collar over a brightly coloured figured crêpe-de-Chine dress. Her golden hair could be seen under the brim of her dark hat. The bridegroom was in a lounge suit.

The bride's age was given on the register as forty-two. She was described as the divorced wife of John Reginald Lopes Yarde-Bullen, and her address was 174, Great Cumberland Place. The bridegroom was described as the divorced husband of Tove Grace Wessel. His age was stated to be thirty-nine, and his address was White House, Winslow, Bucks.

at the forward end of the shade deck, has large windows and handsome hardwood furniture. Just aft of the saloon an attractive stairway leads to the first class lounge and smoke room on the promenade deck, the promenade space provides ample room for deck games. Rooms for 18 second class passengers are arranged aft with dining saloon, etc.

The machinery, which consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 11", 19" and 31" diameters with a stroke of 30" with two cylindrical Scotch boilers, has been designed and constructed by the Taikoo Dockyard.

The vessel is being built in accordance with the British Corporation Register of Shipping's highest class for this service, and when complete will be a worthy addition to this Company's fine fleet of vessels on this service.

#### THE PRESENT.

Amongst those invited to the ceremony in addition to His Excellency and Mrs. Southern were:—The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, the Hon. Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, Capt. Snagge, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Brennan and Miss Kemble, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Beith, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom Tong, the Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, General, Mrs. and Miss Luard, Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Hynes, the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Rotwell, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Owen-Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Remington, Miss Oakley, Col. and Mrs. Skinner, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Halifax, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. North, Commodore and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Hancock, Capt. Mitchell, R.N., Mr. E. Butler (representing the Straits Steamship Company) and Mr. A. W. Henderson, supervising construction.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th December, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

29th November, 1928. [7040]

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th December, or they will not be recognised.

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29th November, 1928. [7025]

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 30th November, 1928 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas. All Claims must reach us before the 15th December, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

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TJIKARANG	S'RAL, K'LUNG, & AMOT	10th Dec.	12th Dec.	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	DALAT, AMOT	17th Dec.	19th Dec.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJISAROEI	S'RAL, K'LUNG, & AMOT	24th Dec.	26th Dec.	BATAVIA

### NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIKINI	JAVA, MAKASSAR	30th Nov.	3rd Dec.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJISAROEI	BATAVIA	5th Dec.	8th Dec.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	14th Dec.	17th Dec.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	19th Dec.	22nd Dec.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG

### TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	FROM MANILA
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WUHAIR, CHIAOPOO & TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOV"	On 30th Nov.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"HANYANG"	On 2nd Dec.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUOHOW"	On 2nd Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 3rd Dec.	8 a.m.
HOIHOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 4th Dec.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINELANG"	On 4th Dec.	3 p.m.
HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIKONG	"KUIKING"	On 5th Dec.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"HUPPEH"	On 5th Dec.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	On 6th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 8th Dec.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 9th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 9th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 10th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 11th Dec.	3 p.m.
HOIHOW, S'PORE & BANGKOK	"KUNGOH"	On 12th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 13th Dec.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW, FAKHOI & HAIKONG	"TEAN"	On 14th Dec.	10 a.m.
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## Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

### ARRIVALS.

November 27th.

*Golden Peak*, American str., 5,227 tons, Capt. K. Havagn, from Manila, which port she left on November 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters' Columbia S.S. Co.

*Sun Kong*, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. L. Kwong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with 230 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—Man Yick Co.

*Tydaenai*, British str., 7,171 tons, Capt. R. T. Hughes, from Kobe, which port she left on November 23rd, with 5,800 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6—B. & S.

*Wing Lee*, Chinese str., 641 tons, Capt. F. Smith, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35—Yiu Yuen Co.

November 28th.

*Atsuta Maru*, Japanese str., 4,940 tons, Capt. N. Nami, from Singapore, which port she left on November 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

*Foo Shing*, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. A. Dorkurey, from Tsing-tao, Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*Hai Yang*, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. Erwin, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co.

*Hydringen*, British str., 519 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chiou On Wharf—Chiou On S.S. Co.

*Kalgan*, British str., 1,550 tons, Capt. Johnstone, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

*Szechuen*, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

*Tiama*, British str., 10,006 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

*Wai Shing*, British str., 1,169 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*Yunnan*, British str., 1,206 tons, Capt. W. Paplow, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B13—B. & S.

### CLEARANCES.

November 28th.

*Atsuta Maru*, for Shanghai.  
*Chip Shing*, for Canton.  
*Chung On*, for Shanghai.  
*Deli Maru*, for Swatow.  
*Empress of Canada*, for Singapore.  
*Foo Shing*, for Canton.  
*Golden Peak*, for San Francisco.  
*Seung Bee*, for Amoy.  
*Sun Kong*, for Kwang Chow Wan.  
*Tak Hing*, for Macao.  
*Wai Shing*, for Swatow.  
*Yunnan*, for Shanghai.

### SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise	Sunset
To-day	6.45 a.m.	5.38 p.m.
To-morrow	6.46	5.38

### PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived here by the *s.s. Atsuta Maru* from Singapore:—Mr. Thomas Arnold, Mr. Kinzo Kafuku, Mr. Karl Ritter, Mr. Venancio Trinidad, Miss E. S. Mitchell.

Departures.

The following passengers left here on November 28th by the *Empress of France* for Shanghai and Vancouver:—Mr. H. S. Atkinson, Mr. J. J. Boyce, Mr. T. Berensen, Mr. R. Bigazzi, Miss D. M. Brice, Mr. T. W. D. Bannister, Mr. J. K. Brown, Mr. J. J. Blandin, Mr. R. Bailey, Sir Geo. and Lady McI. Brown, Mrs. E. Bothwell, Mr. E. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin.

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### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams have been received by the Great Northern Telegraph Company:—

November 21st, 1928:	Amoy, Asiatic Motors Incorporation.
November 22nd, 1928:	Tokyo, Nurey.

### THE DENGUE EPIDEMIC IN GREECE.

REPORT TO THE LEAGUE.

GENEVA, Oct. 31st.

The Health Committee of the League, now sitting, has been given first-hand information on the epidemic of dengue fever in Greece by Dr. M. B. Mackenzie, of the League's Health section, who has just returned from that country.

There have been over 350,000 cases and 1,372 deaths, but the trouble appears to be coming to an end. A letter of thanks from the Greek Government to the League Health organization asks for the collaboration of that body in the sanitary reorganization of the country. The Health Committee has declared its willingness to accede to this request, subject to the approval of the Council of the League, and proposes that its President and permanent Vice-President, together with Sir George Buchanan and Professor Leon Bernard, should hold themselves at the disposal of the Council of the League and of the Greek authorities to give assistance, if so desired, in the matter of carrying out inquiries and in giving the Greek Health Administration such advice as the situation may demand.

With regard to dengue, the Committee asks the Medical Director to enlist the co-operation of entomologists in carrying out a mosquito survey of Mediterranean countries, in view of the importance of obtaining fuller information than is at present available on the distribution and prevalence of *Aedes aegypti* (the mosquito transmitting dengue) in such countries.

### VESSELS EXPECTED.

Prince Line.

Malayan Prince, Dec. 5th.

Royal Prince, December 31st.

Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.M.).

Cremor, to-day.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Nanking, Dec. 4th.

Delhi, December 19th.

Ceylon, Dec. 24th.

Will. Wilhelmsen, Oslo.

Norwegian Africa and Australia Line.

Rena, December 5th.

Besen, December 22nd.

Thalatta, January 10th.

Tennessee, January 30th.

### SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The *s.s. Talamia* (B.I. and Apear. Line) left Singapore for Hong Kong on the 21st inst. and is due here to-day (Thursday) at about 3 a.m.

The P. & O. *s.s. Karmala* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Wednesday at 2 a.m., and is due here to-morrow (Friday) at about noon.

The N.D.L. *m.s. Trave* left Shanghai for Hong Kong via Foochow on November 27th, and is expected to arrive here on December 1st. She will sail for Europe via Singapore and ports on the same day.

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OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 4th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Satur., 15th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG" "HOSANG"	Fri., 7th Dec., at 3 p.m. Fri., 14th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thurs., 13th Dec., at Noon
CANTON	"CHAKSANG"	Mon., 4th Dec., at 9 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING" "CHONGSHING"	Satur., 1st Dec., at 3 p.m. Sun., 16th Dec., at 4 p.m.

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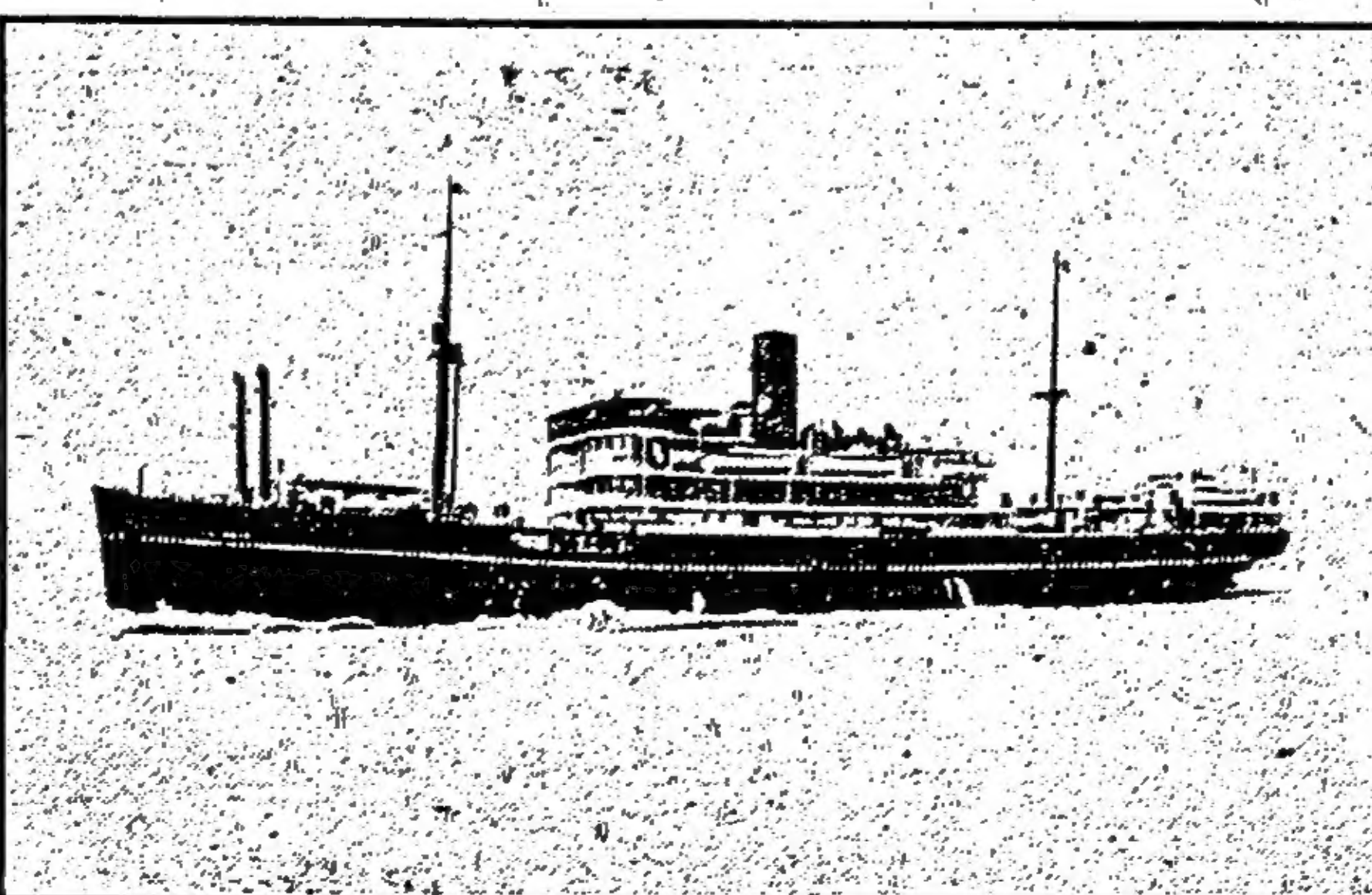
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 13	Mar. 17	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 30
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 27	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 14
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 5	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 19	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	June 1	June 5	June 7	June 9	June 18
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 15	June 19	June 21	June 23	July 2
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SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila &amp; Port.

SADO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Dec.

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TOMIURA MARU ... Sunday, 2nd Dec.

MURORAN MARU ... Thursday, 13th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINGO MARU ... Tuesday, 18th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town &amp; Port.

WAKASA MARU ... Sunday, 8th Dec.

NEW YORK and BOSTON via PANAMA.

ASUKA MARU ... Wednesday, 12th Dec.

TAKAKA MARU ... Thursday, 27th Dec.

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DAKAB MARU ... Friday, 21st Dec.

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AKITA MARU ... Saturday, 1st Dec.

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## Shipping News Daily Statement. Waterfront News. Vessels Expected, etc.

## YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

GENERAL CARGOES SHOW INCREASE.

## GOOD BRITISH IMPORTS.

With fifteen arrivals and fourteen departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general cargo returns for Hong Kong and ports beyond the Colony showed an increase. Local imports were very good while through freights were above the average. Seven British arrivals and departures were shown, and British contributions to the freight returns were good.

Local imports from fourteen vessels amounted to 12,564 tons. Six British ships discharged 8,331 tons and the best return was shown by the s.s. *Tyndareus* (British) with 6,808 tons from Tacoma (Washington) and Kobe. The s.s. *Caravelles* (French) also discharged 2,946 tons. Through freights showed a total of 9,499 tons, and of the six carriers four were British carrying a total of 3,632 tons. The s.s. *Atsuta Maru* (Japanese) arriving from Middlesbrough and Singapore carried 6,417 tons of cargo while the s.s. *Antenor* (British) from Dalm and Shanghai carried 1,692 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	7
French	1	0
Japanese	2	4
Chinese	5	2
American	0	1
Total	15	14

## DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

*Seang Dee* (British) arrived from Rangoon and Singapore with 500 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

*Tyndareus* (British) arrived from Tacoma and Kobe with 6,808 tons of lumber, flour and dried fish.

*Antenor* (British) arrived from Dalm and Shanghai with 1,692 tons of general cargo for ports beyond the Colony.

*Wai Shing* (British) arrived from Canton with 160 tons of general cargo for through ports.

*Foo Shing* (British) arrived from Taingtau and Swatow with 875 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,180 tons for through ports.

*Hai Tang* (British) arrived from Foochow and Swatow with 350 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

*Caravelles* (French) arrived from Saigon with 2,946 tons of rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

*Atsuta Maru* (Japanese) arrived from Middlesbrough and Singapore with 37 tons of steel goods, preserved goods, zinc scrap and wine; and 6,417 tons of steel goods, wine, paint, rubber sulphate of ammonia and general cargo for through ports.

*Deli Maru* (Japanese) arrived from Takao and Canton with 13 drums of oil and 30 tons of old iron.

*Wing Lee* (Chinese) arrived from Fort Bayard with 300 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

*Sun Kong* (Chinese) arrived here from Kwong Chow Wan with 250 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.  
*Changste*, Dec. 7th.  
*Taiiping*, January 4th.

Bank Line.  
*City of Chester*, to-day.  
*City of Lahore*, Dec. 10th.  
*City of Madras*, Dec. 22nd.  
*Levenbank*, January 6th.  
*City of Bedford*, January 6th.  
*City of Peking*, January 19th.  
*City of Baroda*, February 1st.

Blue Funnel Line.  
*Protetikus*, Dec. 3rd.  
*Telemachus*, Dec. 4th.  
*Philoctetes*, Dec. 8th.  
*Dioned*, Dec. 11th.  
*Tyndareus*, December 13th.  
*Aeneas*, Dec. 17th.  
*Hector*, Dec. 24th.  
*Theseus*, Dec. 28th.  
*Atreus*, Dec. 29th.

The s.s. *Wing On* (Capt. Mutton) which is operated by the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company for service to Macao, will sail for that port each day at 3 p.m., and not at 3 p.m. as formerly.

Death On British Vessel.  
The master of the s.s. *Tyndareus* (Captain Hughes) which arrived from Tacoma and Kobe reports that a Chinese passenger died during the voyage from carcinoma of liver.

N. License—But Was Going To Get One.  
Tang Ah Yung, master of a fishing boat was before Commander J. E. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Harbour Office yesterday morning for failing to take out a license for his boat. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he had just bought the boat from Aberdeen, and was trying to raise the money for the license, which he intended to take out the very day that he was arrested. A fine of 80 with the alternative of 6 days' hard labour was imposed.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.  
Seven vessels brought 1,335 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Managers of Mairlines.  
*Chenoneque*, Dec. 1st.  
*Andre Lebon*, Dec. 4th.  
*Portos*, December 4th.  
*Athos II*, December 15th.  
*D'Armaghan*, January 1st.  
*Spina*, January 15th.  
*General Metinger*, Jan. 29th.  
*Paul Leat*, February 15th.

Northdeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.  
*Trane*, Dec. 1st.  
*Kemseid*, Dec. 15th.  
*Fulda*, Dec. 16th.  
*Main*, Dec. 22nd.  
*Trier*, Jan. 13th.  
*Oder*, January 30th.

Penninsular and Oriental.  
*Karmala*, to-morrow.  
*Trelawny*, Dec. 3rd.  
*Jeyapore*, Dec. 6th.  
*Malwa*, Dec. 7th.  
*Mantua*, Dec. 7th.  
*Trentilian*, December 9th.  
*Kashmir*, Dec. 15th.  
*Kalyan*, Dec. 21st.  
*Naldera*, December 22nd.  
*Morea*, January 4th.  
*Nautica*, January 18th.  
*Kashgar*, January 18th.  
*Padua*, January 18th.  
*Macedonia*, February 1st.  
*Khiva*, February 15th.  
*Khyber*, March 7th.

British-India and Apear Line.  
*Talamba*, to-day.  
*Takada*, December 10th.  
*Taima*, December 11th.  
*Takima*, Dec. 16th.  
*Santha*, December 28th.

Canadian Pacific Line.  
*Empress of Russia*, Dec. 5th.

Dodwell & Co.  
*Romolo*, Dec. 8th.

Dollar S.S. Line.  
*President Harrison*, Dec. 1st.  
*President Cleveland*, Dec. 3rd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).  
*Mataya*, Dec. 15th.  
*Siam*, Dec. 15th.  
*Panama*, Dec. 23rd.  
*Danmark*, Dec. 31st.  
*Java*, January 20th.  
*Australien*, February 11th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.  
*Tanda*, to-day.  
*St. Albans*, Dec. 3rd.  
*Arifura*, January 7th.

Glen Line.  
*Glenbeg*, Dec. 12th.  
*Carmarthenshire*, Dec. 16th.  
*Glenashire*, Dec. 31st.  
*Glenogle*, January 7th.  
*Cardigan*, January 21st.

Hamburg-America Linie.  
*Ruhr*, to-day.  
*Oldenburg*, December 14th.  
*Saarland*, Dec. 21st.  
*Emil Kirdorf*, Jan. 7th.  
*Havelland*, Jan. 20th.  
*Havestein*, Feb. 1st.  
*Loverkusen*, Feb. 14th.

Java-China-Japan Line.  
*Tjikini*, to-morrow.  
*Tjitaroen*, Dec. 3rd.  
*Tjitaroen*, December 5th.  
*Tjikarung*, Dec. 10th.  
*Tjimarock*, December 14th.  
*Tjileboet*, December 17th.  
*Tjisonari*, December 19th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
*Kitano Maru*, to-morrow.

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"MALWA"	10,946	8th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	15th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"NALDEBA"	10,946	22nd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Jan. 1929	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOOREA"	10,953	2nd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KABEGAR"	9,005	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,907	9th Mar.	Mars. L'don, A'werp, B'dam, H'bg
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHYBER"	9,114	22nd Mar.	do.
"MALWA"	10,946	30th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"NALDEBA"	10,946	13th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	20th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,946	27th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	11th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MOOREA"	10,953	25th May	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th June	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	15,563	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don.

\* Cargo only.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

## BRITISH INDIA-APPEAR SAILINGS

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TILAWA"	10,005	30th Nov. 2 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	8,949	12th Dec.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,013	31st Dec.	do.
"TALMA"	10,005	6th Jan. 1929	do.
"SANTIA"	7,751	21st Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,005	5th Feb.	do.

B.I.—Appear Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and carry a qualified surgeon.

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SUTAI)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,958	1st Dec. Noon	Manila, Sandakan, Thanes, Laid, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th Dec.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st Feb. 1929	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	1st Mar.	do.

\* Calls Port Holland.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Japan & Hong Kong to Australia. The P. & O. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, H'be, Cebu, Kolambagan, Taiwan, Timor, Durban, or other ports en route as indicated.

Present connections from Australia with the following:—The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand: Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal. The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape. The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TALAMBA"	8,013	1st Dec. D.L.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TRELAWNY"		4th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,946	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TRESILLIAN"		9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TALMA"	10,000	14th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"GAZANA"	5,236	19th Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTIA"	7,751	28th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MOOREA"	10,953	4th Jan. 1929	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,005	12th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"PADUA"	5,907	18th Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KHIVA"	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,946	1st Mar.	Shanghai.
"KHYBER"	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NALDEBA"	10,946	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,985	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,946	29th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,985	1st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MOOREA"	10,953	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TALAMBA"	8,013	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"RAIPUTANA"	10,953	34th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama



